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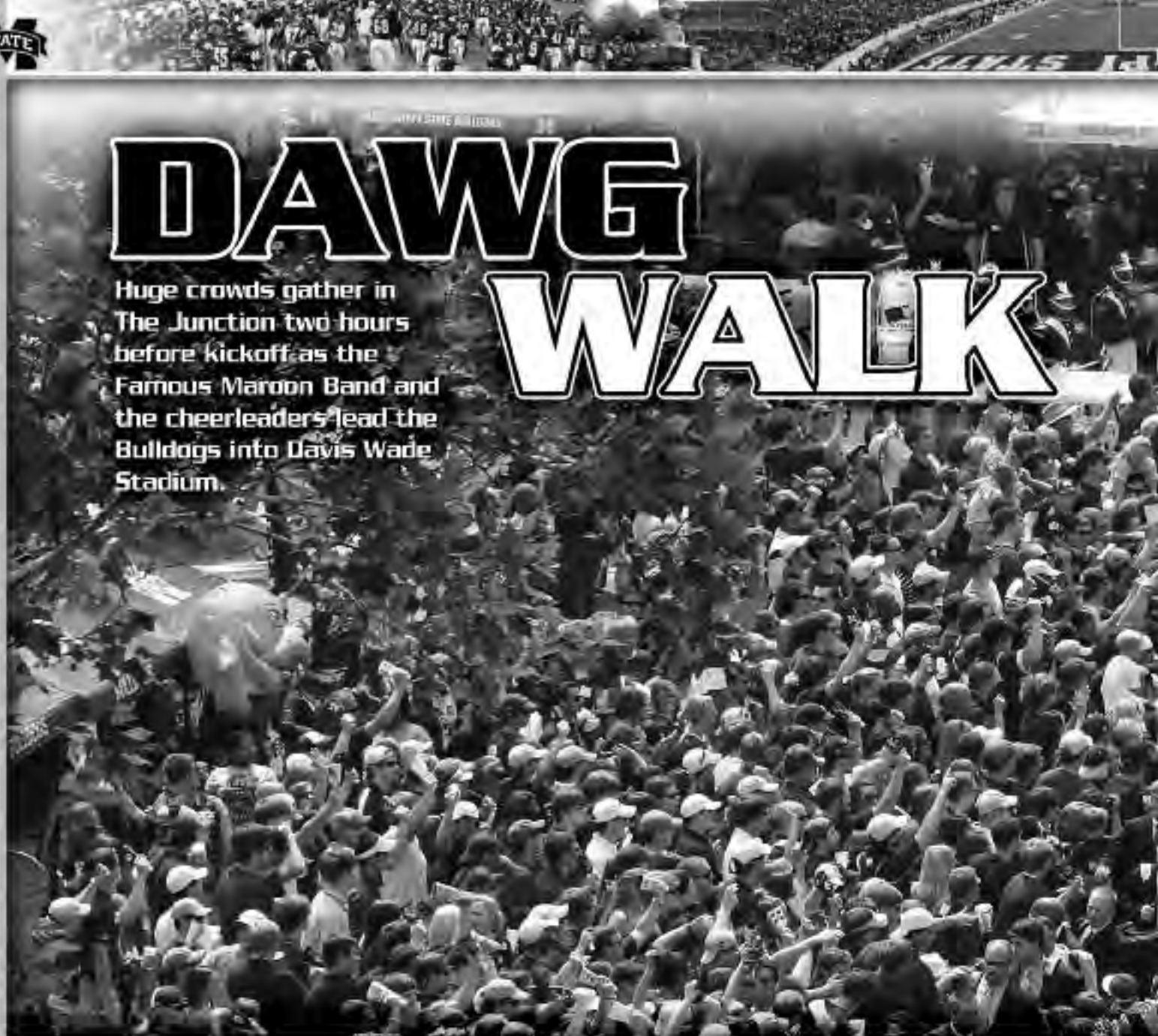
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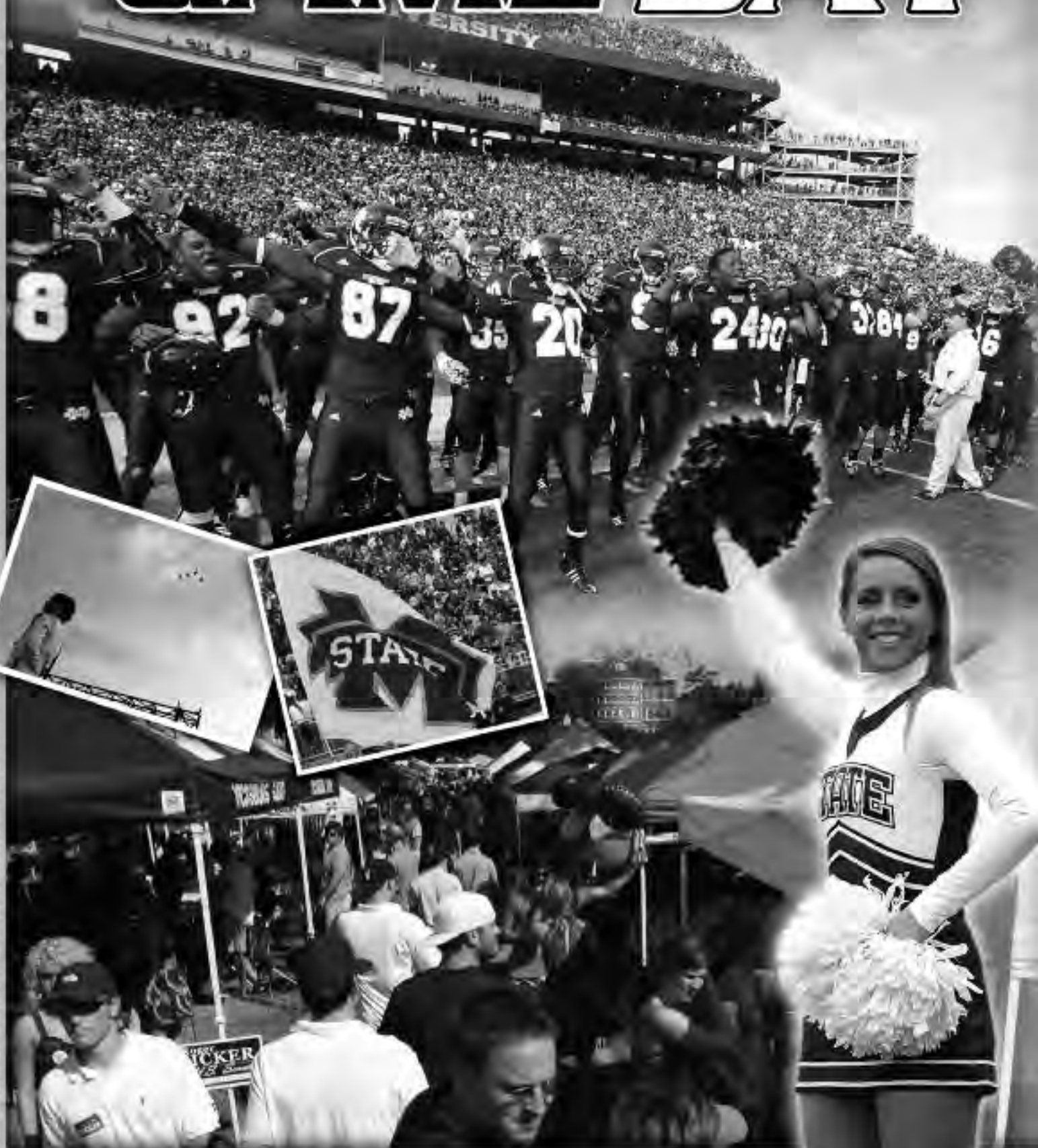
Huge crowds gather in The Junction two hours before kickoff as the Famous Maroon Band and the cheerleaders lead the Bulldogs into Davis Wade Stadium.







GAME DAY



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The nation's second-oldest Division I-A stadium has plenty of new features including a gleaming new game-day locker room, an impressive recruiting lounge and one of the largest video boards in the country.



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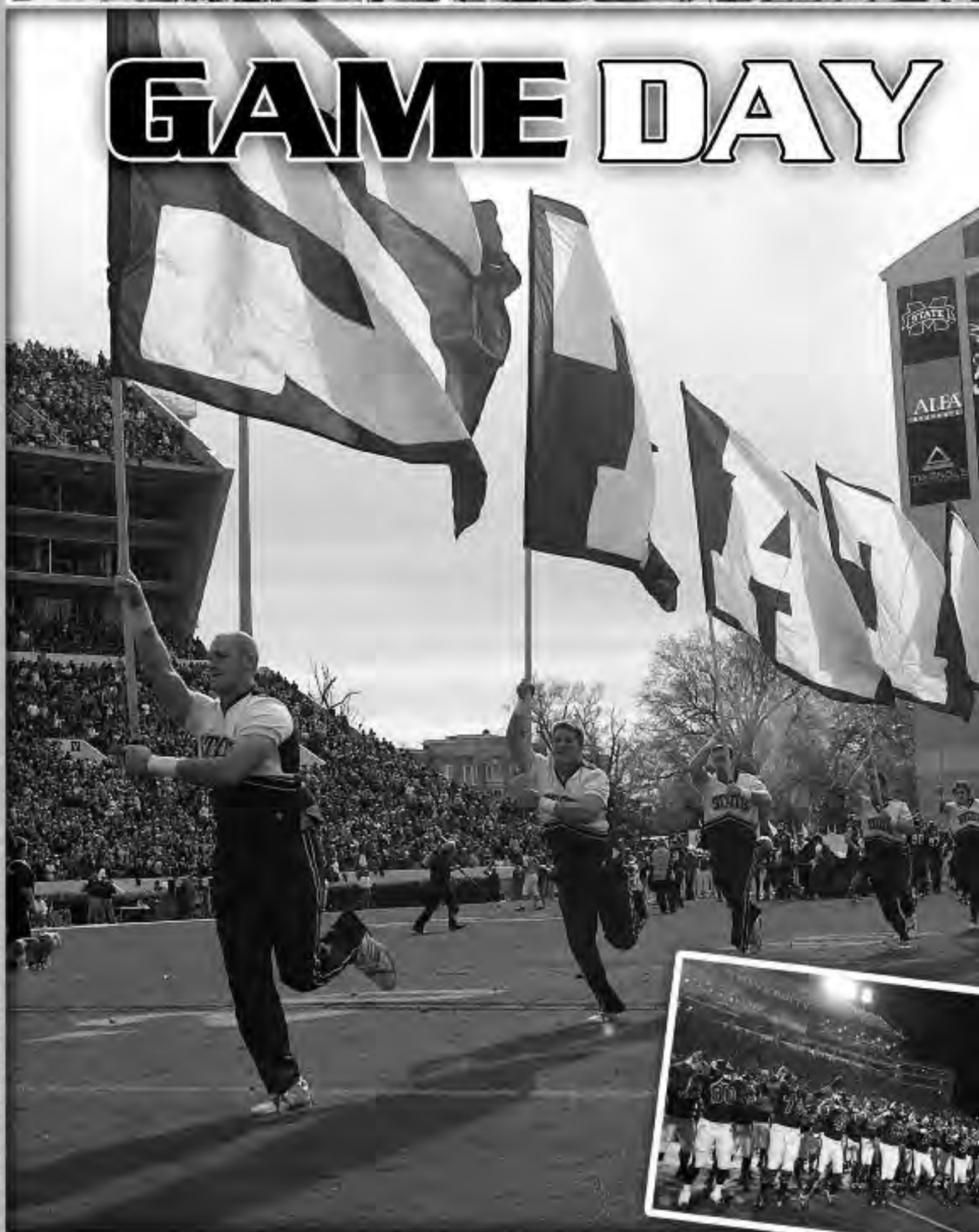


PASSIONATE FANS - Nearly 400,000 Bulldog fans came to Davis Wade Stadium in 2009, shattering the school record for yearly attendance.





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THE DAN MULLEN ERA YEAR TWO

Even as the final seconds ticked off the clock during Mississippi State's 41-27 drubbing of its in-state rival to close the 2009 season, the Bulldogs began looking forward to Year Two of the Dan Mullen Era.

Mullen brought enthusiasm and energy from the moment he took the reins of the gridiron program, and players and fans alike responded with a renewed passion on Saturdays during the fall.

Last season in Starkville saw the Bulldogs improve in virtually all areas on the field and topple attendance records in the stands. Excitement remained at a fever pitch as Coach Mullen's squad made its way through the nation's toughest schedule.

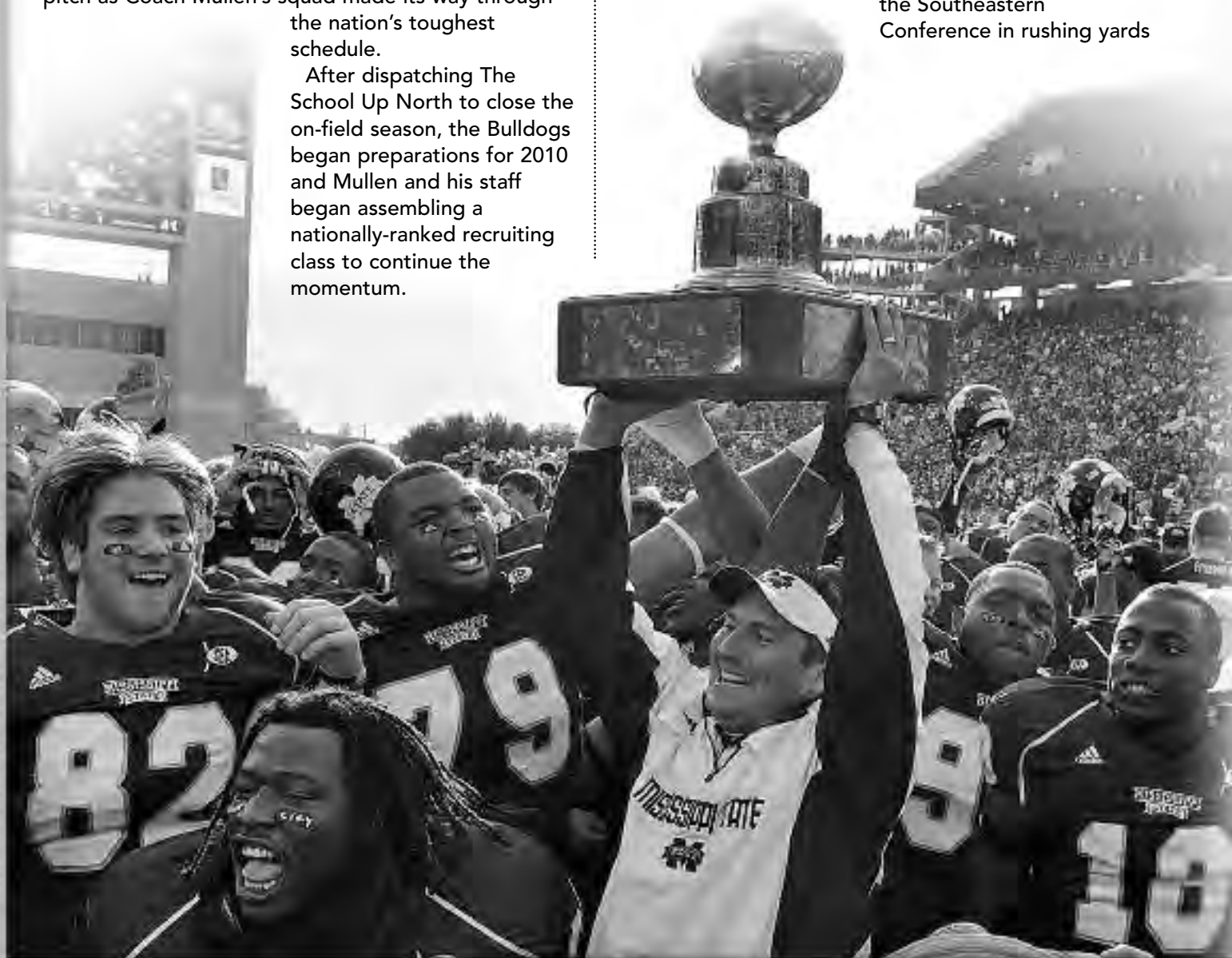
After dispatching The School Up North to close the on-field season, the Bulldogs began preparations for 2010 and Mullen and his staff began assembling a nationally-ranked recruiting class to continue the momentum.

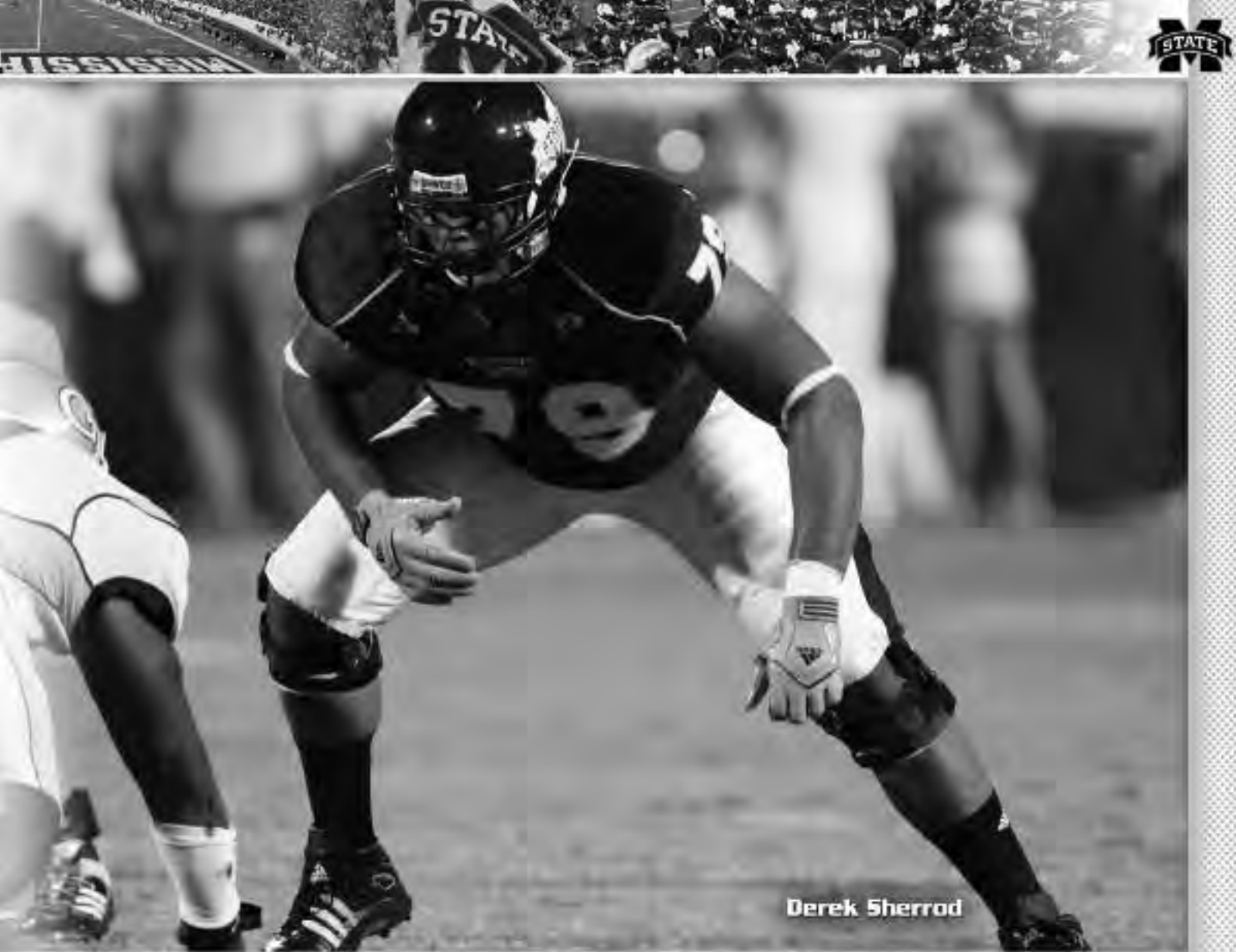
Bulldog fans again came out in droves for the Maroon-White Spring Game, setting another State of Mississippi record with 34,127 fans in Davis Wade Stadium for the annual showcase.

And now, 2010 looks to be another step forward for the Mississippi State football program.

OFFENSE

One of the main focal points of the new era of Mississippi State football has been without a doubt the offensive side of the ball. Last season the Bulldogs led the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards





per game, averaging an astounding 228 yards per game on the ground. The offense also increased scoring by more than 10 points per game from the year prior and total offensive yards increased by nearly 100 per contest.

The Bulldogs return six offensive starters and a host of contributors to the field in 2010 and the arrival of several talented newcomers should provide Mullen and offensive coordinator Les Koenning the nucleus to continue the rapid improvement on the offensive side of the ball.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Far and away the most experienced position on the field for the Bulldogs, the offensive line will look to pave the way for the 2010 team. Returning four players that started all 12 games last season, the offensive line has a combined 84 career starts among the bunch.

Last season, the group up front created holes as Anthony Dixon led the conference in rushing and set the school record with 1,391 rushing yards. As a whole,

the Bulldogs ran for 2,731 yards, the most by a Mississippi State team since the 1974 team ran for 2,753.

It wasn't only in the running game that the offensive line gelled. In pass protection, the group allowed 16 fewer sacks than the year prior, despite the team throwing for nearly the same amount of yards.

Left tackle Derek Sherrod and center J.C. Brignone, both seniors, have emerged as the leaders of the group. Brignone has earned 23 career starts at the pivot and played in 35 contests, while Sherrod has anchored the left side down 22 times while playing in 34 games. Both Sherrod and Brignone should earn all-conference recognition in 2010, and their efforts up front will help pave the way for the Bulldog offense.

Also returning after starting each game a year ago are juniors Quentin Saulsberry and Addison Lawrence. Saulsberry shored up the left guard position in 2010 while Lawrence earned the starting spot at left tackle. Saulsberry has seen action in all 24 games of his career, while Lawrence has played in 20.

Joining the four returning starters is expected to be



OFFENSE

WR	9	LEON BERRY	6-0	205	SR.
	87	Chris Smith	6-2	210	So.
WR	1	CHAD BUMPHIS	5-10	195	SO.
	3	Brandon Heavens	5-10	175	So.
LT	79	DEREK SHERROD	6-6	305	SR.
	75	Blaine Clausell	6-7	305	Fr.
LG	55	QUENTIN SAULSBERRY	6-2	305	JR.
	68	Templeton Hardy	6-3	300	So.
C	70	J.C. BRIGNONE	6-1	300	SR.
	66	D.J. Looney	6-1	300	Jr.
RG	67	TOBIAS SMITH	6-3	305	SO.
	74	Mark Melichar	6-5	300	Sr.
RT	62	ADDISON LAWRENCE	6-4	300	JR.
	76	Phillip Freeman	6-6	305	Sr.
TE	32	MARCUS GREEN	6-1	235	JR.
	88	Kendrick Cook	6-3	250	Jr.
RB -OR-	2	ROBERT ELLIOTT	6-0	215	JR.
	28	VICK BALLARD	5-11	215	JR.
FB	35	PATRICK HANRAHAN	5-11	235	SR.
	23	Sylvester Hemphill	5-11	235	So.
QB -OR-	14	CHRIS RELF	6-4	240	JR.
	17	TYLER RUSSELL	6-5	225	RFR.

sophomore Tobias Smith. Smith was slated to get the starting nod at guard a season ago before suffering a leg injury.

Phillip Freeman, Mark Melichar and D.J. Looney are all listed among the second group, but each has seen valuable playing time during their careers. Melichar started a pair of games at left tackle during the 2008 season in place of an injured Sherrod, while Looney earned a start at center in the '08 campaign as well. Freeman saw action in 11 games a year ago, mainly on special teams.

Joining the veteran trio along the second line are youngsters Templeton Hardy and Blaine Clausell. Hardy has been in the program for two years and played in the season opener a year ago. Clausell graduated from Baker High School in Mobile in December and joined the team for spring practice.

Providing depth along the front is John McMillan, who played in all 12 games a year ago, serving on the punt team. The Bulldog front is also expecting help and development from a handful of highly touted incoming freshmen.

TIGHT ENDS

After finishing second on the team with 27 receptions a year ago, junior Marcus Green has solidified his role in Coach Mullen's spread attack. The Scooba, Miss., native returned from injury in 2008 to show his ability





both as a receiver and a solid blocker from his tight end position. He earned six starts last year, only missing the opening lineup when State's offense began in a three-wideout set.

Junior Kendrick Cook also saw extensive playing time during the 2009 season and pulled in his only reception during the Georgia Tech game, but the Attalla, Ala., native has shown his ability to catch passes during practice.

Brandon Henderson and Thomas Webb will both provide depth and each has seen extensive game action. Henderson has seen action in 18 career games, while Webb saw mostly special teams action in 10 games last season.

RUNNING BACKS

There are no bigger shoes to fill on the 2010 Mississippi State roster than those left by the school's all-time leading rusher Anthony Dixon. Dixon set the career and single season marks for attempts, yards, touchdowns and a host of other categories during his standout career in Starkville. But no one player will be asked to carry the enormous load that Dixon shouldered last season.

And Dixon wasn't the lone departure from the offensive backfield, as seniors Christian Ducre and Arnil Stallworth also exhausted their eligibility after last season. To replace the departed trio, running backs coach Greg Knox will likely turn to a stable of talented, if inexperienced, runners to fill the void.

Junior Robert Elliott will likely get the first chance to start, and the highly recruited speedster out of Okalona, Miss., has the talent to star for State. Elliott has averaged 4.5 yards per carry on his 62 attempts in limited action during his first two years.

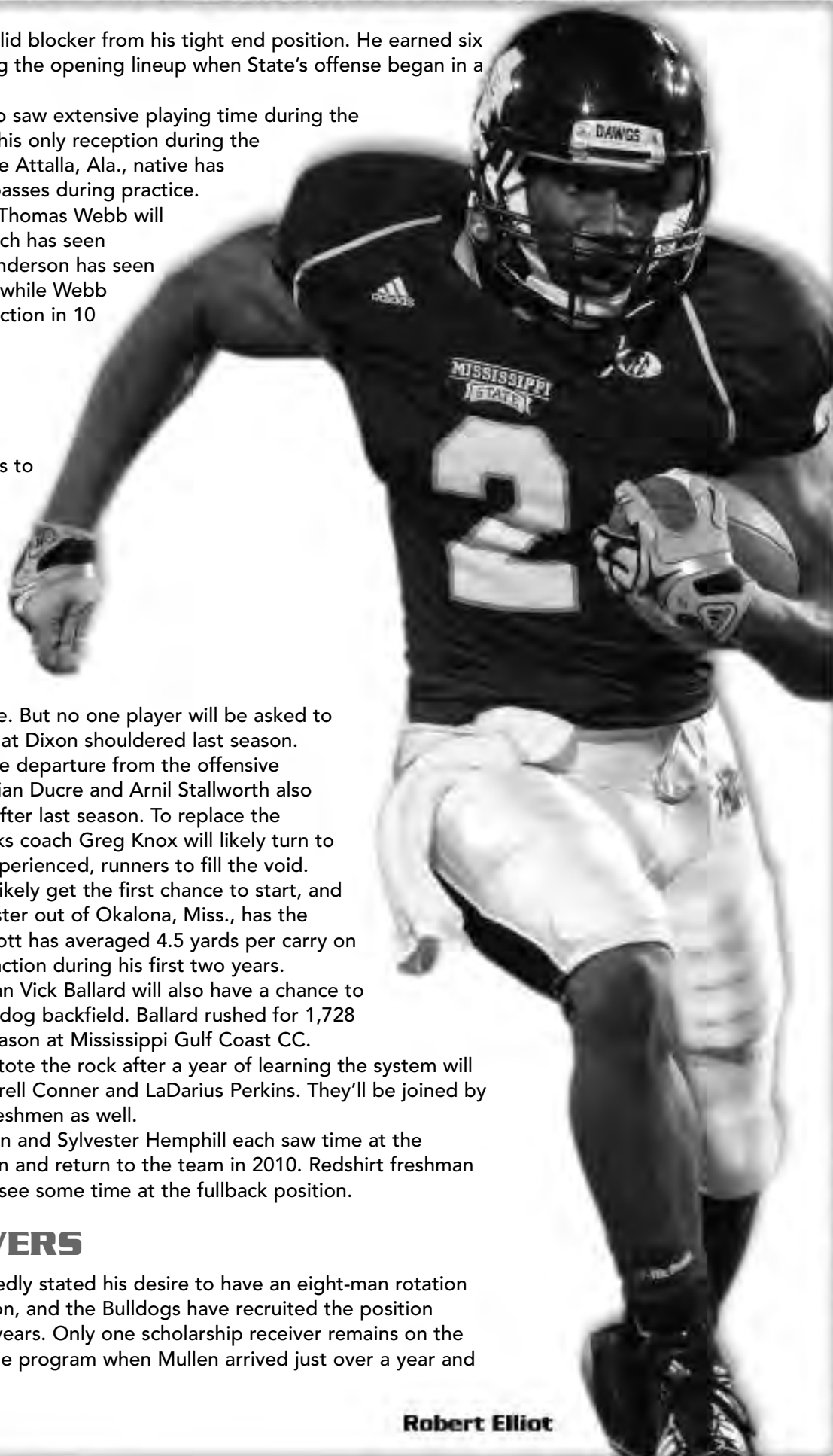
Junior college all-American Vick Ballard will also have a chance to prove his mettle in the Bulldog backfield. Ballard rushed for 1,728 yards and 22 scores last season at Mississippi Gulf Coast CC.

Also getting a chance to tote the rock after a year of learning the system will be redshirt freshmen Montrell Conner and LaDarius Perkins. They'll be joined by a few talented incoming freshmen as well.

Walk-ons Patrick Hanrahan and Sylvester Hemphill each saw time at the fullback position last season and return to the team in 2010. Redshirt freshman William Shumpert will also see some time at the fullback position.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Coach Mullen has repeatedly stated his desire to have an eight-man rotation at the wide receiver position, and the Bulldogs have recruited the position aggressively the past two years. Only one scholarship receiver remains on the squad that was a part of the program when Mullen arrived just over a year and a half ago.



Robert Elliot



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Chris Relf

Despite the lack of experience at the wideout position, a true bright spot in the passing game during the 2009 season was the emergence of Chad Bumphis. The team's leading receiver with 32 catches a year ago, Bumphis led the squad with four touchdown receptions as well. He also rushed six times and averaged 12.2 yards per carry as he became one of the biggest playmakers on the offensive side of the ball.

Joining Bumphis as the most experienced wide receiver is senior Leon Berry, who pulled in 14 catches during his first season on campus last year. Berry excelled as a returner in the kicking game, and he will look to bring his big play talents to the line of scrimmage this fall.

A pair of sophomores, Brandon Heavens and Chris Smith saw limited action last year and will be expected to develop in 2010. Heavens caught seven passes and Smith pulled in three balls a year ago.

Redshirt sophomore Charles Bailey, the "veteran" of the group, has been in the program for three seasons but has yet to make an impact on the field for the Bulldogs.

A few true freshmen that will begin their careers this fall will be called upon to provide depth at the wideout position during their initial season on campus.

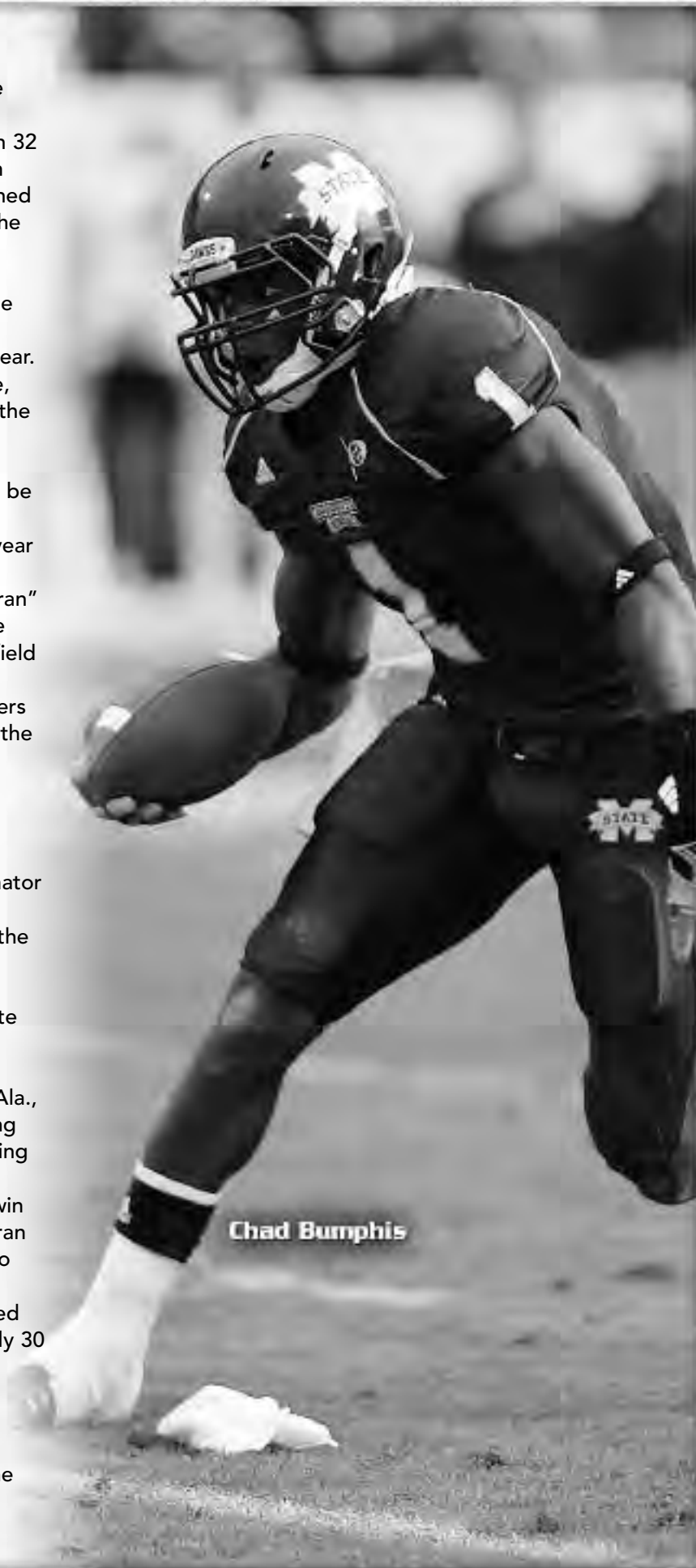
QUARTERBACKS

Head coach Dan Mullen and offensive coordinator Les Koenning have each said repeatedly that playing two quarterbacks is a luxury. This year, the Bulldogs might just have that luxury with junior Chris Relf and redshirt freshman Tyler Russell.

Relf played in 10 games a year ago and despite throwing only 41 times, led the team with five touchdown passes. But it was his ability on the ground that really propelled the Montgomery, Ala., native into a position to compete for the starting job in 2010. Relf was the Bulldogs' second leading rusher last season, amassing 500 yards on 76 carries. His performance in the season-ending win over the in-state rival was a masterpiece as he ran for 131 yards and threw a pair of touchdowns to guide the way to victory.

Russell might have been the most highly-touted quarterback signee to arrive on campus in nearly 30 years when he joined the team last fall, but he gained a valuable year of experience as he redshirted during his true freshman campaign.

This spring, Relf and Russell both excelled at times and both are expected to see playing time during the 2010 campaign.



Chad Bumphis



DEFENSE

A pair of new coaches will join a pair of veterans in leading the Bulldog defense in 2010. With new defensive coordinator Manny Diaz and co-defensive coordinator Chris Wilson, the Mississippi State defense will have a pair of the brightest young minds in all of college football. Diaz comes to Starkville from Middle Tennessee, where his Blue Raider defense finished second nationally in tackles for loss and sixth nationally in quarterback sacks last season. Wilson brings a wealth of knowledge after spending the last five seasons at Oklahoma. The Sooner defensive front finished eighth nationally against the run last season, and Wilson's bunch tied Diaz' defense for the sixth-highest number of sacks in the nation.

At State, Diaz and Wilson inherit a group that returns eight starters and a host of young talent. Last season saw 11 different players earn their first career start for the Maroon and White defense, and all 11 return for the 2010 season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Loaded. Young. Stacked. Inexperience. Deep. Potential. Talent. Each of those words has been used in descriptions of the troops up front that Chris Wilson will be charged with mentoring. The group returns six different players that earned starts a year ago.

The unquestioned leader of the bunch will be senior Pernell McPhee. An all-Southeastern Conference performer a year ago, McPhee led the team with 12.0



tackles for loss and 5.0 quarterback sacks.

While McPhee has proven the most on this level, he's hardly the only one with talent amongst the defensive front. Junior Sean Ferguson has earned nine starts over his first two seasons on campus, and sophomores Nick Bell, Josh Boyd and Fletcher Cox all earned starting nods a year ago.

Bell is listed as a starting defensive end opposite McPhee, and Cox and Boyd are slated to start up the middle. But the second group alongside Ferguson includes Devin Jones and big James Carmon in the middle with Johnathan McKenzie at end.

Pass rushing specialist Shane McCardell, versatile Rodney Prince and veteran Reggie Odom will each provide depth, and a group of talented freshmen could make an impact during their first season on campus.

DEFENSE

DE	90 57	PERNELL MCPHEE Johnathan McKenzie	6-4 6-6	285 265	SR. RFr.
DT	97 95	JOSH BOYD James Carmon	6-3 6-7	295 345	SO. Jr.
DT	94 60	FLETCHER COX Devin Jones	6-4 6-0	300 270	SO. So.
DE	36 99	NICK BELL Sean Ferguson	6-3 6-3	265 255	SO. Jr.
LB	10 48	CAMERON LAWRENCE Emmanuel Gatling	6-2 6-0	225 220	SO. Sr.
LB	50 58	CHRIS WHITE Brandon Wilson	6-4 6-0	245 245	SR. So.
LB	34 51	K.J. WRIGHT Deonte Skinner	6-4 6-2	250 235	SR. RFr.
LCB	15 26	MAURICE LANGSTON Damein Anderson	5-10 5-11	180 195	SR. Jr.
SS	4 7	CHARLES MITCHELL Wade Bonner	5-11 5-10	205 200	JR. Jr.
FS	13 42	JOHNATHAN BANKS Zach Smith	6-2 5-11	180 195	SO. Sr.
RCB	25 20	COREY BROOMFIELD Louis Watson	5-10 5-11	180 180	SO. So.

LINEBACKERS

Replacing a fifth-year middle linebacker and defensive leader is never an easy task. But senior Chris White is ready and able to step into the void left by Jamar Chaney. White started all 12 games last season at outside linebacker and made a seamless transition to the "Mike" position during the spring. White recorded 75 tackles a year ago and could better that number from his new position in the middle.

Joining White as a familiar face in the middle of the defense will be senior K.J. Wright. Wright finished with 82 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss in 2010, and will be considered for postseason honors following the 2010 campaign. A main leader of the defense, Wright has started 22 games at his outside linebacker position.

The third starting linebacker in Manny Diaz' 4-3 lineup will be up for grabs as fall practice begins. Sophomore Cameron Lawrence will probably get the first chance to claim the spot, but senior walk-on Emmanuel Gatling, redshirt freshman Deonte Skinner or any of several talented newcomers could claim the starting role. No matter who gets the call on the opening snap, all of those players, along with sophomores Brandon Wilson and Mike Hunt and junior Jamie Jones will provide depth both on defense and on special teams



DEFENSIVE BACKS

It was feast or famine for a young group in the defensive backfield during the 2009 season. The back four helped the Mississippi State defense lead Southeastern Conference a year ago with 17 interceptions, yet finished a disappointing 11th in the conference in passing yards allowed. With a season of experience and a talented front seven that should put pressure on opposing quarterbacks, this ball-hawking group could put up remarkable numbers in 2010.

Led by junior safety Charles Mitchell, the defensive backfield returns seniors safety Zach Smith and cornerback Maurice Langston along with sophomores Damein Anderson, Corey Broomfield, Johnthan Banks and Louis Watson. Each of those seven players earned at least one start last season, and all will compete for playing time this year.

Broomfield tied for the SEC lead with six interceptions last year, and Mitchell and Banks each picked off four.



Broomfield and Banks earned Freshman All-SEC accolades, and each returned two of their interceptions for defensive touchdowns.

The Bulldogs also expect veteran Wade Bonner along with Arceto Clark, Dennis Thames and Nickoe Whitely – each of whom redshirted in 2009 – to provide depth in the defensive backfield.

SPECIAL TEAMS

When the head football coach also serves as the special teams coordinator, an emphasis is placed on that area of the game. It was evident last season when the Bulldogs finished second in the Southeastern Conference in kickoff return average and doubled their punt return output from the season prior that head coach Dan Mullen's attention to that aspect of the game had made an effect.

The Bulldogs return every key part of its special teams from a year ago, including a pair of kickers that saw extensive playing time. Senior Sean Brauchle began the year as the kicker, but a midyear injury allowed junior Derek DePasquale to step in and do an admirable job. Brauchle made six consecutive field goals in the first half of the season, and DePasquale hit 10-of-12 down the stretch.

Senior Heath Hutchins handled every punt a year ago and forced 22 to be fair caught. He also placed 11 inside the opponent's 20 yard line. Redshirt freshman Baker Swedenburg should provide depth, as he enjoyed a solid spring.

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	SEAN BRAUCHLE	5-10	180	SR.
-OR-	40	DEREK DEPASQUALE	5-8	180	JR.
P	38	HEATH HUTCHINS	6-1	205	SR.
-OR-	39	BAKER SWEEDENBERG	6-0	190	FR.
KR	9	LEON BERRY	6-0	205	SR.
-OR-	1	CHAD BUMPHIS	5-10	195	SO.

Senior Aaron Feld will begin his fourth year of handling all snapping duties for the Bulldogs and has been a consistent presence since his arrival on campus.

In the return game, a pair of gamebreakers will be waiting deep. Leon Berry became the first Mississippi State player to record 1,000 yards in kickoff returns in a single season a year ago, returning 38 kicks for 1,015 yards. Chad Bumphis proved to be equally capable as a return man, and both are expected to return boots at some point during the season.



2010 MISSISSIPPI STATE FOOTBALL

MEET THE 2010





BULLDOGS



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NUMERICAL R O S T E R

1	Chad Bumphis	WR
2	Robert Elliott	RB
3	Brandon Heavens	WR
4	Charles Mitchell	DB
5	Ferlanda Bohanna	LB
6	Dylan Favre	QB
7	Wade Bonner	DB
8	Montrell Conner	RB
9	Leon Berry	WR
10	Cameron Lawrence	LB
11	Ricco Sanders	WR
12	Dennis Thames	DB
13	Johnthan Banks	DB
14	Chris Relf	QB
15	Maurice Langston	DB
16	Jameon Lewis	ATH
17	Tyler Russell	QB
18	Brandon Hill	ATH
19	Arceto Clark	DB
20	Louis Watson	DB
22	Matthew Wells	ATH
23	Sylvester Hemphill	FB
24	Jamerson Love	DB
25	Corey Broomfield	DB
26	Damein Anderson	DB
27	LaDarius Perkins	RB
28	Vick Ballard	RB
29	Nick Griffin	RB
30	Jay Hughes	DB
31	Nickoe Whitley	DB
32	Marcus Green	TE
33	Jamie Jones	LB
33	Sam Williams	ATH
34	K.J. Wright	LB
35	Patrick Hanrahan	FB
36	Nick Bell	DL
37	Sean Brauchle	K
38	Heath Hutchins	P
39	Baker Swedenburg	P
40	Derek DePasquale	K
40	Chris Hughes	LB
41	Marvin Bure	ATH
42	E.J. Buford	ATH
42	Zach Smith	DB
43	William Shumpert	FB
44	Christian Holmes	LB
45	Michael Hunt	LB
45	Adrian Marcus	ATH
46	Aaron Feld	SN
47	Jonathan Phillips	DB

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
26	Damein Anderson	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	2L Hazlehurst, Miss. (Hazlehurst)
83	Charles Bailey	WR	6-1	185	So.	SQ St. Augustine, Fla. (Bartram Trail)
28	Vick Ballard	RB	5-11	215	Jr.	TR Pascagoula, Miss. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
13	Johnthan Banks	DB	6-2	180	So.	1L Maben, Miss. (East Webster)
36	Nick Bell	DL	6-3	265	So.	1L Bessemer, Ala. (Jess Lanier)
9	Leon Berry	WR	6-0	205	Sr.	1L Griffin, Ga. (East Mississippi CC)
5	Ferlanda Bohanna	LB	6-0	235	Fr.	HS Memphis, TN (Whitehaven HS)
7	Wade Bonner	DB	5-10	200	Jr.	2L Mason, Tenn. (Fayette Ware)
97	Josh Boyd	DL	6-3	295	So.	1L Philadelphia, Miss. (Philadelphia)
37	Sean Brauchle	K	5-10	180	Sr.	1L Biloxi, Miss. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
70	J.C. Brignone	OL	6-1	300	Sr.	3L Pass Christian, Miss. (St. Stanislaus)
25	Corey Broomfield	DB	5-10	180	So.	1L Palm Bay, Fla. (Bayside)
52	Karlin Brown	LB	5-8	205	Sr.	2L Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)
42	E.J. Buford	ATH	6-0	215	Jr.	RS Clarksdale, Miss. (Phillips [Ark.] CC)
1	Chad Bumphis	WR	5-10	195	So.	1L Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo)
41	Marvin Bure	ATH	5-8	190	Jr.	SQ Vicksburg, Miss. (Vicksburg)
47	Chris Cameron	ATH	5-10	185	So.	1L Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
95	James Carmon	DL	6-7	345	Jr.	TR Baltimore, Md. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
86	Michael Carr	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	HS West Point, MS (West Point HS)
19	Arceto Clark	DB	5-10	180	So.	1L Verona, Miss. (Shannon)
75	Blaine Clausell	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	HS Mobile, Ala. (Baker)
8	Montrell Conner	RB	6-2	225	RFr.	RS Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parrish)
88	Kendrick Cook	TE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L Attalla, Ala. (Etowah)
94	Fletcher Cox	DL	6-4	300	So.	1L Yazoo City, Miss. (Yazoo City)
63	Dillon Day	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS West Monroe, LA (West Monroe HS)
40	Derek DePasquale	K	5-8	180	Jr.	1L The Woodlands, Texas (Colorado School of Mines)
2	Robert Elliott	RB	6-2	215	Jr.	2L Okolona, Miss. (Okolona)
92	Kaleb Eulls	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS Yazoo City, Miss. (Yazoo County HS)
6	Dylan Favre	QB	5-0	200	Fr.	HS Bay St. Louis, MS (St. Stanislaus)
46	Aaron Feld	SN	6-1	230	Sr.	3L Homewood, Ala. (Homewood)
99	Sean Ferguson	DL	6-3	255	Jr.	2L Miami, Fla. (Norland)
76	Phillip Freeman	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	1L Wesson, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] CC)
48	Emmanuel Gatling	LB	6-0	220	Sr.	1L McAllen, Texas (Rowe)
32	Marcus Green	TE	6-1	235	Jr.	2L Scooba, Miss. (Kemper County)
29	Nick Griffin	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	HS New Augusta, MS (Perry Central HS)
35	Patrick Hanrahan	FB	5-11	235	Sr.	1L Springville, Ala. (Alabama)
68	Templeton Hardy	OL	6-3	300	So.	SQ Como, Miss. (North Panola)
56	Corvell Harrison-Gay	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	HS Laurel, MS (Northeast Jones HS)
3	Brandon Heavens	WR	5-10	175	So.	1L Bessemer, Ala. (Jess Lanier)
23	Sylvester Hemphill	FB	5-11	235	So.	1L Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)
85	Brandon Henderson	TE	6-2	245	Sr.	2L Fayetteville, Ga. (Fayette County)
18	Brandon Hill	ATH	6-2	202	Fr.	HS Columbus, MS (West Lowndes HS)
44	Christian Holmes	LB	6-2	235	Fr.	HS Puckett, MS (Puckett HS)
93	Jeffrey Howie	DL	6-4	330	Jr.	TR Medina, PA (Itawamba CC)
40	Chris Hughes	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS Mobile, AL (Davidson HS)
30	Jay Hughes	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	HS Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove)
45	Michael Hunt	LB	6-3	245	So.	SQ Meadville, Miss. (Franklin County)
38	Heath Hutchins	P	6-1	205	Sr.	1L Saltillo, Miss. (Itawamba [Miss.] CC)
61	Gabe Jackson	OL	6-4	305	RFr.	RS Liberty, Miss. (Amite County)
65	Joshua Jackson	DL	6-2	300	So.	1L Canton, Miss. (Canton)
80	Malcolm Johnson	WR	6-2	205	Fr.	HS Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Northridge)

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33	Jamie Jones	LB	6-0	240	Jr.	2L Springdale, Ark. (Springdale)
15	Maurice Langston	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	1L Meridian, Miss. (East Central [Miss.] CC)
77	Sam Latham	ATH	6-1	280	So.	SQ Cordova, Tenn. (Briarcrest)
62	Addison Lawrence	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	2L Coldwater, Miss. (Magnolia Heights)
10	Cameron Lawrence	LB	6-2	225	So.	1L Coldwater, Miss. (Magnolia Heights)
64	Eric Lawson	OL	6-6	320	Fr.	HS Olive Branch, MS (Olive Branch HS)
16	Jameon Lewis	ATH	5-8	170	Fr.	HS Tylertown, MS (Tylertown HS)
66	D.J. Looney	OL	6-1	300	Jr.	2L Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)
24	Jamerson Love	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	HS Aberdeen, MS (Aberdeen HS)
64	Mark Lynn	ATH	6-0	230	Sr.	SQ Madison, Miss. (Madison Central)
45	Adrian Marcus	ATH	5-9	225	So.	SQ Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)
96	Shane McCardell	DL	6-5	245	So.	1L Beaumont, Texas (West Brook)
57	Johnathan McKenzie	DL	6-6	265	RFr.	RS Starkville, Miss. (Starkville Academy)
72	John McMillan	OL	6-1	290	Sr.	1L Paragould, Ark. (Paragould)
90	Pernell McPhee	DL	6-4	285	Sr.	1L Pahokee, FL (Itawamba [Miss.] CC)
74	Mark Melichar	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	3L Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)
4	Charles Mitchell	DB	5-11	205	Jr.	1L Clarksdale, Miss. (Clarksdale)
59	Archie Muniz	OL	6-5	255	Fr.	HS Houston, TX (Cypress Creek HS)
69	Reggie Odom	DL	6-0	295	Sr.	1L Deland, Fla. (Deland)
27	LaDarius Perkins	RB	5-10	190	RFr.	RS Greenville, Miss. (St. Joseph)
47	Jonathan Phillips	DB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS Starkville, Miss. (Starkville)
91	Rodney Prince	DL	6-1	280	Sr.	1L Irondale, Ala. (Shades Valley)
14	Chris Relf	QB	6-4	240	Jr.	1L Montgomery, Ala. (Carver)
78	Damien Robinson	OL	6-8	330	Fr.	HS Olive Branch, MS (Olive Branch HS)
17	Tyler Russell	QB	6-5	225	RFr.	RS Meridian, Miss. (Meridian)
11	Ricco Sanders	WR	5-11	195	RFr.	RS Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)
55	Quentin Saulsberry	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	2L Coldwater, Miss. (Independence)
79	Derek Sherrod	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	3L Columbus, Miss. (Caledonia)
43	William Shumpert	FB	6-0	240	RFr.	RS Fulton, Miss. (Itawamba Agricultural)
51	Deontae Skinner	LB	6-2	235	RFr.	RS Macon, Miss. (Noxubee County)
87	Chris Smith	WR	6-2	210	So.	1L Meridian, Miss. (Meridian)
67	Tobias Smith	OL	6-3	305	So.	SQ Columbus, Miss. (Columbus)
42	Zach Smith	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L Altoona, Ala. (Susan Moore)
54	Trevor Stigers	DL	6-5	260	So.	1L Ridgeland, Miss. (Ridgeland)
39	Baker Swedenburg	P	6-0	190	RFr.	RS Columbus, Miss. (Heritage Academy)
12	Dennis Thames	DB	5-11	190	RFr.	RS Louisville, Miss. (Louisville)
73	Paul Thompson	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	TR Madison, N.J. (Hargrave Military)
89	Allen Tolbert	ATH	5-11	230	So.	SQ Duluth, Ga. (Northview)
98	Curtis Virges	DL	6-3	290	Fr.	HS West Point, MS (West Point HS)
20	Louis Watson	DB	5-11	180	So.	1L Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
71	Sam Watts	OL	6-4	305	RFr.	RS Conyers, Ga. (Salem)
82	Thomas Webb	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	1L Starkville, Miss. (Southern Mississippi)
22	Matthew Wells	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	HS Monticello, MS (Lawrence County HS)
50	Chris White	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	1L Vancleave, Miss. (Miss. Gulf Coast CC)
31	Nickoe Whitley	DB	6-0	200	RFr.	RS Jackson, Miss. (Provine)
33	Sam Williams	ATH	6-1	200	RFr.	RS Brandon, Miss. (Northwest Rankin)
58	Brandon Wilson	ATH	6-0	245	So.	SQ Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Northridge)
34	K.J. Wright	LB	6-4	250	Sr.	3L Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)

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47	Chris Cameron	ATH
48	Emmanuel Gatling	LB
50	Chris White	LB
51	Deontae Skinner	LB
52	Karlin Brown	LB
54	Trevor Stigers	DL
55	Quentin Saulsberry	OL
56	Corvell Harrison-Gay	DL
57	Johnathan McKenzie	DL
58	Brandon Wilson	ATH
59	Archie Muniz	OL
60	Devin Jones	DL
61	Gabe Jackson	OL
62	Addison Lawrence	OL
63	Dillon Day	OL
64	Eric Lawson	OL
64	Mark Lynn	ATH
65	Joshua Jackson	DL
66	D.J. Looney	OL
67	Tobias Smith	OL
68	Templeton Hardy	OL
69	Reggie Odom	DL
70	J.C. Brignone	OL
71	Sam Watts	OL
72	John McMillan	OL
73	Paul Thompson	OL
74	Mark Melichar	OL
75	Blaine Clausell	OL
76	Phillip Freeman	OL
77	Sam Latham	ATH
78	Damien Robinson	OL
79	Derek Sherrod	OL
80	Malcolm Johnson	WR
81	Robert Johnson	WR
82	Thomas Webb	TE
83	Charles Bailey	WR
85	Brandon Henderson	TE
86	Michael Carr	WR
87	Chris Smith	WR
88	Kendrick Cook	TE
89	Allen Tolbert	ATH
90	Pernell McPhee	DL
91	Rodney Prince	DL
92	Kaleb Eulls	DL
93	Jeffrey Howie	DL
94	Fletcher Cox	DL
95	James Carmon	DL
96	Shane McCardell	DL
97	Josh Boyd	DL
98	Curtis Virges	DL
99	Sean Ferguson	DL

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Damein ANDERSON

DB • 5-11 • 195 • Jr. • 2L • Hazlehurst, Miss. (Hazlehurst)



CAREER: Enters his junior season in the mix for a starting cornerback job ... Has played in 22 games in the secondary and on special teams ... Earned five starts at cornerback during his sophomore season ... Picked off one pass against Vanderbilt a year

ago ... Has made 22 tackles, including two for loss (minus 21 yards) and five pass deflection during his still-young career ... Also credited with two kickoff returns (38 yards) ... Came to MSU after a standout high school career as a quarterback and defensive back ... Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic.

2009: Saw playing time in 11 games during his sophomore season ... Missed only the Arkansas game due to injury ... Credited with 16 total tackles on the year ...

Returned one kickoff for 23 yards ... Earned first career start in the season opener against Jackson State ... Recorded four total

tackles with a tackle for loss against the Tigers ... Earned the 16-yard tackle for loss on a failed punt attempt ... Posted four tackles with a pass breakup at Auburn ... Intercepted his first career pass at Vanderbilt, returning it four yards ... Also tallied three tackles against Vandy ... Recorded two tackles against LSU ... Posted a pair of stops with a quarterback hurry against Houston ... Recorded one tackle against Florida ... Finished the season with a two-tackle game in the Egg Bowl victory.

2008: Played in all but one game (11 of 12) as a redshirt freshman ... Saw action in all but the Week 11 win over Arkansas ... Made six tackles, including one tackle for loss (minus 5 yards) and a pass deflection on the year ... Also returned one kickoff (15 yards) ... Saw the first action of his redshirt freshman season at Louisiana Tech in the season opener ... Registered a pair of tackles and had a 15-yard kickoff return in Ruston ... Added a pass deflection one week later in the Bulldogs' home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Had one hit in State's SEC opener vs. Auburn ... Added another hit one week later at Georgia Tech, a 5-yard tackle for loss ... Made one more stop in Week 7 at Tennessee ... Finished the season with one hit at Ole Miss.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic ... Listed as the No. 52 cornerback prospect in the country by ESPN.com ... Rated the No. 24 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine in its season-ending All-America issue, the second-best cornerback on the list ... Ranked among the top 25 players in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season, one of the top two defensive backs in the state ... Earned first-team, all-state mention in Class 3A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at free safety ... Credited with running a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash by both the Scout.com and Rivals.com recruiting web sites ... Helped lead head coach Vernon Perry's Hazlehurst High team to a two-year mark of 24-3 during his junior and senior campaigns ... Hazlehurst was 10-3 during his senior campaign after posting a 14-0 record and the 2005 Class 3A state championship one year prior ... Went both ways for the Indians, playing quarterback on offense and cornerback on defense ... Accounted for 1,080 total yards as the team's QB, passing for 553 yards, rushing for 527 yards, and scoring 15 touchdowns ... Also helped pace a defense that held eight of its opponents scoreless ... Rushed nine times for 111 yards and a touchdown in the title game ... Committed to MSU in March 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Damein Fitzgerald Anderson, 11-7-88, in Hazlehurst, Miss. ... Son of Mr. Ronnie Anderson and Ms. Vanessa Jones.





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Charles BAILEY

WR • 6-1 • 185 • So. • SQ • St. Augustine, Fla. (Bartram Trail)

CAREER: Young receiver will compete for a spot in the rotation during his sophomore season ... Came to Mississippi State after a solid high school career in the Florida prep ranks.

2009: Saw only playing time of season in the season opener against Jackson State.

2008: Sat out the season as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Credited with running a 4.57 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Ranked No. 134 on Scout's list of the nation's top wide receivers ... Named honorable mention, All-First Coast at wide receiver by the *Florida Times Union* newspaper ... Helped lead head coach Darrell Sutherland's Bartram Trail High School team to back-to-back Class 5A District 2 championships during his sophomore and junior seasons and to the state semifinals during his senior campaign ... He caught a 42-yard touchdown pass with 36 seconds left in regulation to send the Bears into overtime of that state semifinal game as a senior ... Had 32 catches for 495 yards, a 15.5-yard average, and three touchdowns during his senior campaign ... Made 24 receptions for 282 yards, a 11.8-yard per catch average, and two touchdowns, during his junior season ... Solid student in the high school classroom with a 3.38 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offer: Indiana ... Committed to MSU in July 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Charles Walker Bailey, 5-26-90 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey Sr... His father is a longtime National Football League scout.





28 Vick BALLARD

RB • 5-11 • 210 • Pascagoula, Miss. (Pascagoula / Miss. Gulf Coast CC)

CAREER: Joined the Bulldog program in January and participated in spring drills ... Expected to play a role in the offensive backfield in his first season ... Junior College All-American during his sophomore season at Mississippi Gulf Coast CC.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Named first-team junior

college all-America by National Junior College Athletic Association ... Rushed for 1,728 yards and 22 touchdowns during his sophomore season ... Finished season fourth nationally with 144.0 yard-per-game average ... Also named to the 2009 MACJC South All-State First Team Offense and named the 2009 MACJC Most Valuable back ... Helped lead Gulf Coast to a 9-3 record and a No. 8 national ranking in 2009 ... Played for head coach Steve Campbell ... Rushed 84 times for 555 yards (6.6 ypc) and 12 touchdowns as a freshman in 2008.

HIGH SCHOOL: Posted 940 yards rushing and 522 receiving yards during his senior season at Pascagoula High School ... Also scored 17 touchdowns during senior campaign ... Named to G&W Recruiting Report Preseason Watch List prior to senior season ... Played in Max Emfinger All-American Game ... Signed with Jackson State and had an offer from Houston.

PERSONAL: Born July 16, 1990 ... Son of Vick Terry and Katie Ballard ... Uncle Walter Ballard played football at UTEP.





13 Johnthan BANKS

DB • 6-2 • 180 • So. • 1L • Maben, Miss. (East Webster)

CAREER: Made an immediate impact in the Bulldog defensive backfield during his true freshman season ... Provided a highlight of the 2009 season with 100 interception return for touchdown against Florida ... Versatile athlete that could see action at several different defensive positions in 2010.

2009: Named Freshman All-Southeastern Conference by the league's coaches ... Earned SEC Freshman of the Week following the Florida game ... Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season on campus ... Saw action mainly on special teams until an opportunity to start in Week 6 ... Started each of the last seven games after entering the lineup ... Posted six tackles against Houston, his first defensive action ... Intercepted a pair of passes against Middle Tennessee the following week ... Intercepted a pair of Tim Tebow passes and returned both for touchdowns against Florida ... His 100-yard return on the final play of the first half was one of the biggest moments of the 2009 season ... Recorded a career-best seven tackles against Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL: Considered the No. 63 "athlete" prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also regarded him as the No. 23 prospect in the state of Mississippi ... Rated the No. 69 safety prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com following his senior season ... Credited with running a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash by national recruiting web site ESPN.com ... Named second-team, all-state in all classifications at linebacker by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Rated with the top 40 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Accounted for 1,740 yards of total offense and 17 touchdowns while playing quarterback for head coach Jimmy Carden at East Webster High School in Maben, Miss. ... Also starred on the defensive side of the ball, making 35 tackles and seven pass interceptions during his senior season ... As a junior, he rushed for 16 touchdowns as a running back and recorded two pass interceptions in the defensive secondary ... Once returned three punts for touchdowns in a single game for the Wolverines ... Played for his high school varsity team since the eighth grade ... Led his prep baseball team to state championships in Class 1-A during his freshman and junior campaigns ... Also played basketball on the high school level ... Committed to Mississippi State in April 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Johnthan Shuntay Banks, 10-3-89 ... Grandson of Mrs. Maggie Banks.





36 Nick BELL

DL • 6-3 • 265 • So. • 1L • Bessemer, Ala. (Jess Lanier)

CAREER: Listed as a starter at defensive end headed into the fall ... Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman campaign ... Recorded 15 total tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss (3 yards) during his still-young career.

2009: Played in all 12 games and earned a pair of starts during his redshirt freshman season ... Totaled 15 tackles with 2.5 coming behind the line of scrimmage ... Posted at least one stop in 11 of 12 contests ... Recorded a season-best three tackles against Georgia Tech ... Started at defensive end against the Yellow Jackets and also in win at Vanderbilt ... Recorded one half-sack against Florida

2008: Sat out the year as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Credited with running a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Named honorable mention all-metro by the Birmingham News as a linebacker ... Helped lead head coach Jerry Dismuke's Jess Lanier High School team in Bessemer, Ala., to a 10-3 overall record as a senior and into the second round of the state playoffs before losing to eventual Class 5A champion St. Paul's Episcopal ... Made 70 tackles in just six games as a senior for the Tigers ... Began his high school career at Adamsville (Ala.) Minor High School ... Solid student on the high school level with a 2.80 grade point average ... Committed to MSU in November 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Nicholas L. Bell, 6-25-90 ... Son Ms. Linda Bell.





9 Leon BERRY

WR • 6-0 • 205 • Sr. • 1L • Griffin, Ga. (East Mississippi CC)

CAREER:

Expected to be one of the Bulldogs' key playmakers in both the return game and as a receiver in 2010 ... Made an immediate impact during his first year on campus ... Set a school record with 1,015 kickoff return yards on the year ... Came to Mississippi

State after a standout junior college career at East Mississippi.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his first season, earning three starts at wide receiver ... Excelled as the team's top kick returner ... Set the Mississippi State single-season record with 1,015 kickoff return yards ... His total kickoff return yards marked the second-highest single-season tally in SEC history ... Finished ranked 21st nationally and 4th in the SEC with an average return of 26.7 ... Broke onto the scene with 246 all-purpose yards against Auburn in the second game of the season ... The single-game tally was the sixth-highest in school history at the time ... Returned four punts for 53 yards against Vanderbilt, including a season-best 35 yard return ... Brought back a kickoff for an 89-yard touchdown against Georgia Tech, the first MSU player to return a kickoff for TD since 2003 ... Caught 14 passes for 170 yards on the season, including career highs of four receptions for 60 yards at Auburn.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Named second-team junior college all-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association ... Two-time first-team, all-Region XXIII selection as a return specialist ... Two-time, first-team, all-state at wide receiver ... Caught 59 passes for 1,003 yards, a 17.0-yard average, and nine touchdowns during his junior college career at East Mississippi Community College for head coach Buddy Stephens ... Also returned 43 kickoffs for 1,126 yards, a 26.2-yard average, and two touchdowns, during his JC career ... Also credited with 10 punt returns for 129 yards and another score ... Ranked 13th nationally in receiving, he caught 39 passes for 661 yards, a 16.9-yard average, and five touchdowns during his sophomore season ... Also led the Mississippi Association of Junior and Community Colleges with 19 kickoff returns for 485 yards, a 25.5-yard average, and another TD ... Also had all 10 career punt returns for 129 yards and one touchdown during his final JC campaign ... Caught 20 passes for 342 yards, a 17.1-yard average, and four touchdowns during his freshman season at EMCC ... Also returned 24 kickoffs for 641 yards, a 26.7-yard average, and another touchdown ... Helped East Mississippi Community College to an 8-2 record and national No. 10 ranking as a sophomore.

HIGH SCHOOL: Started for three seasons as a running back and cornerback at Griffin (Ga.) High School ... Helped the Bears to a 22-3 record during his final two prep seasons ... Griffin finished third in the state during his junior and senior seasons, ending his senior campaign with an 11-2 mark.

PERSONAL: Born Leon Berry, 1/21/88, in Griffin, Ga... Son of Mr. Leon Berry and Ms. Magnolia Berry ... Once featured in Sport's Illustrated Faces in the Crowd ... Voted Mr. EMCC by the student body.



7 Wade BONNER

DB • 5-10 • 200 • Jr. • 2L • Mason, Tenn. (Fayette Ware)



CAREER: Has played in 20 games during his still-young career at Mississippi State ... Saw action on special teams and as a reserve in the defensive backfield 2009 ... Made the move from offense to the defensive side of the ball prior to the 2009 season ... Standout two-way player in the Memphis high school ranks, who excelled at both cornerback and wide receiver.

2009: Played in 10 games, earning a pair of starts as the fifth defensive back ... Recorded 20 total tackles with a career-best five against Houston ... Earned starting calls in Week 3 at Vanderbilt and Week 6 against Houston ... Returned three kickoffs for 43 yards, including two for 28 against LSU ... Posted four tackles against both Jackson State and Vanderbilt.

2008: Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season ... Rushed seven times for 12 yards, a 1.4-yard average ... Also caught one pass (6 yards) ... Returned six kickoffs for 106 yards, a 17.7-yard per return average ... Assumed the role of deep kick returner in his redshirt freshman season opener at Louisiana Tech ... Credited with three returns for 64 yards, a 21.3-yard average, in Ruston ... Saw his first duty from the line of scrimmage in Mississippi State's home-opening 34-10 win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Rushed six times for 9 yards against the Lions ... Was back in the stats column two weeks later at Georgia Tech with a 6-yard pass reception ... Rushed one time (1 yard) at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Returned one kickoff (9 yards) in Week 9 game with Kentucky ... Brought back one kickoff for 17 yards in

State's Week 11 win over Arkansas and returned one for 16 yards at Ole Miss in the season's final game.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Listed as the No. 48 cornerback prospect in the country by ESPN.com ... Ranked among the top 60 defensive backs in the Southeast by PrepStar recruiting magazine in its season-ending yearbook ... Rated the No. 19 prospect in the state of Tennessee, regardless of position, by SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine, the top-rated defensive back on the list ... That publication also had him ranked as the No. 18 wide receiver prospect in the country ... SuperPrep considered him the 21st-best prospect in the state in its season-ending All-America issue, having him re-positioned as the top defensive back in the Volunteer State ... Considered a top 5 recruit in Memphis by the *Commercial Appeal* newspaper ... Credited with running a 4.48 in the 40-yard dash by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Rated the No. 19 prospect in Tennessee by recruiting web site Rivals.com, the state's top-ranked defensive back ... Played running back, wide receiver and defensive back for head coach Tim Thompson at Fayette Ware High School in Somerville, Tenn., in the greater Memphis area ... Also handled all punt and kickoff returns ... Helped lead the Wildcats to the first round of the state playoffs for the first time in 10 years ... Made 63 tackles and had an interception on defense, while accounting for 2,380 yards and 18 touchdowns during his senior campaign ... Rushed 76 times for 726 yards, a 9.6-yard per carry average and 10 touchdowns, and caught 30 passes for 588 yards, a 19.6-yard average, and three more scores ... Had 85 pass receptions and nine interceptions during his junior season ... Other top scholarship offer: Arkansas ... Committed to MSU in December 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Wade M. Bonner Jr., 8-5-88, in Memphis, Tenn. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bonner Sr.



97 Josh BOYD

DL • 6-3 • 295 • So. • 1L • Philadelphia, Miss. (Philadelphia)

CAREER: Made an immediate impact on the field as a true freshman ... Played in 12 games during his first year on campus ... Credited with 17 tackles on the season ... Slated to be a starter at defensive tackle heading into his sophomore season.

2009: Played in all 12 games as a true

freshman ... Also earned starts at defensive tackle against Kentucky, Alabama and Arkansas ... Posted a career-high five tackles against Georgia Tech in Week 5 ... Had a pair of total tackles in five different games during his first year ... Closed out his first year on campus with at least one stop in the final five games.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play for the East squad in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl game in San Antonio, Texas ... After a week of practice in which he caught scouts' attention, he had four tackles in the all-star game ... Rated the No. 12 defensive tackle prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Credited with running a 4.85-second 40-yard dash and a 385-pound bench press by that web site ... That service also says he has a 560-pound squat ... Listed No. 15 on national recruiting web site Rivals.com ranking of the nation's top defensive tackle prospects ... Listed No. 23 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top defensive linemen in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Ranked No. 5 on the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the 10 most wanted high school prospects in the state of Mississippi, the top-ranked interior defensive lineman on the list ... Rated No. 6 on Rivals.com ranking of the state of Mississippi's top prospects, the highest listed defensive tackle ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper for all classifications ... Called the state's most highly sought after interior defensive lineman by that publication ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season ... Helped head coach Teddy Dyess Philadelphia (Miss.) High School team to a 9-3 record during his senior campaign and into the second round of the state playoffs ... Posted 112 tackles during his senior season, with seven quarterback sacks and six other tackles for loss ... Also credited with three fumble recoveries and a blocked kick ... Selected to the G&W Recruiting Report's Pre-season Top 250 prospects nationally,

one of the top 50 defensive ends on the list ... Selected to the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state of Mississippi ... Named first-team, all-state in the Class 3A division by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger*, second-team all-state in all classifications, following his junior season ... Made 154 tackles, including 27 for loss, and eight quarterback sacks during his junior season for head coach Teddy Dyess at Philadelphia (Miss.) High School ... Also blocked two punts and two extra-points in that junior year ... Other top scholarship offers: LSU, Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee, Ole Miss, Florida State, Michigan and Miami ... Committed to MSU in July 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Joshua Caleb Boyd, 8-3-89 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boyd.





37 Sean BRAUCHLE

K • 5-10 • 180 • Sr. • 1L • Biloxi, Miss. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)

CAREER: Earned the starting kicker job but missed the final half of the 2009 season with injury ... Expected to compete for the starting role during his senior season ... Made 6-of-9 field goal attempts and converted all 12 of his point after attempts ... Joined the Mississippi State football program in January 2009 and participated in spring drills ... Came to State following an all-star junior college career in the state's junior college ranks.

2009: Earned the starting placekicking job during August practices ... Connected on six straight attempts after struggling in the season opener ... Missed his first two field goal tries before finally connecting on a 25-yarder in the opener against Jackson State ... Settled into his role and converted three field goals including a 49-yarder in wet conditions at Vanderbilt ... Suffered season-ending injury on a missed attempt against Georgia Tech.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Two-time junior college all-America ... Earned first-team, all-America honors by the National Junior College Athletic Association ... Also selected first-team, all-Region XXIII place-kicker by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges ... Led Gulf Coast to back-to-back state junior college titles and a 22-2 overall record ... Connected on 14-of-19 field goal attempts, including a season-long and school-best 55-yarder, and 55 of 57 points after touchdown during his sophomore season ... His 97 total points led the nation's junior college in that category ... Named pre-season, first-team, all-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association prior to his sophomore season ... Earned first-team, all-America by both the NJCAA and the JC Gridwire ... Made 19-of-25 field goal attempts as a freshman place-kicker for head coach Steve Campbell at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College ... Made a then-school record 52-yard field goal ... Helped the Bulldogs to a 12-0 overall record and a share of the national junior college championship ... Other top scholarship offer: Hawaii.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played running back, defensive back and place-kicker for head coach Rocky Gaudin at Mercy Cross High School in Biloxi, Miss... Helped Mercy Cross to a three-year, 20-7 record including playoff berths in his final two prep seasons ... Named first-team, all-state following his junior and senior seasons as a place-kicker ... As a senior for the Crusaders, 60 of his 72 kickoffs resulted in touchback ... Also named all-district as a running back ... Also an honor roll student in the high school classroom.

PERSONAL: Born Sean Michael Brauchle, 2/3/89, in Biloxi, Miss... Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brauchle ... His father also played football at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

70 J.C. BRIGNONE

OL • 6-1 • 300 • Sr. • 3L • Pass Christian, Miss. (St. Stanislaus)



CAREER: Has played in 35 of a possible 37 games during his Mississippi State career on the offensive line, starting 24 times ... Last season, started all 12 games at center ... In 2008, Started 11 games at center and one at offensive guard ... After practicing on both sides of the ball during his redshirt freshman season, he settled in at offensive guard ... Came to Starkville as a standout two-way prep lineman, initially in the Mississippi High School ranks and then in Georgia when Hurricane Katrina displaced his family for his senior campaign.

2009: Became vocal leader of an offensive line that paved the way for the Southeastern Conference's leading rushing attack (227.6 yards per game) ... Started all 12 games at the center position ... Played 65 snaps and posted an 80 percent grade with six knockdowns against Jackson State ... Posted a team-high 86 percent with three knockdowns against Auburn ... Helped pave the way for State to rush for 260 yards against Vanderbilt, posting an 81 percent blocking grade ... Recorded an 87 percent grade with six knockdowns while playing all 87 snaps against LSU ... Led the team with a remarkable 95 percent against Georgia Tech ... Helped State rush for 209 yards on 38 carries ... Again played every snap and tied for the team lead with an 87 percent grade against Houston ... Also credited with six knockdowns ... Played in every snap for the sixth straight game as State ran for 178 yards and three scores against Middle Tennessee ... Graded out at 90 percent against Kentucky with seven knockdowns as he helped pave the way for Anthony Dixon to run for 252 yards and State to rush for 348 and three touchdowns ... Recorded an 82 percent blocking grade against Alabama, often facing defensive standouts Terrance Cody and Ronaldo McClain ... Helped clear the path as Mississippi State rushed for 114 yards against Alabama, becoming only the second team to eclipse the 100-yard mark against the Tide this season ... Recorded a 91 percent blocking grade against Arkansas as State rushed for 327 yards, the most by a Bulldog team since 2004 ... Racked up a 93 percent grade in the season finale win over the Bulldogs in-state rival ... State ran for more than 300 yards for the third time in four games, punishing the Rebel defense with 59 carries for 317 yards.

2008: Started all 12 games on the offensive line for the Bulldogs, 11 times at the center position and once at offensive guard ... Was on the field for 65 of a possible 72 offensive snaps at Louisiana Tech in the season lidifter, his first career start ... Tallied a 78 percent blocking grade with five knockdown blocks in Ruston ... Turned in a team-high 89 percent blocking grade on 55 offensive snaps one week later in the Bulldogs' home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Was second on the club with seven will-breaker blocks ... Was on the field for all 61 offensive plays against Auburn in the SEC opener ... Tallied a team-best 83 percent blocking grade with a line-high nine pancake blocks ... Turned in an 80 percent blocking grade one week later at Georgia Tech, tying for second on the club with six knockdown blocks ... Was on the field for all 59 offensive snaps at LSU in Week 5 ... Finished second on the line with an 83 percent blocking grade ... Played all 73 offensive snaps in the Bulldogs' 17-14 win over Vanderbilt, despite missing practice time most of the week due to injury ... Tallied an impressive 85 percent blocking mark against the Commodores with a team-best 10 knockdown blocks ... Went all 63 plays and had a 77 percent blocking mark in Week 7 at Tennessee ... Went all 64 offensive snaps and graded out at a team-best 88 percent mark against Middle Tennessee at homecoming ... Moved over to left guard for State's Week 10 game at Alabama and went all 57 snaps at his new position ... Tallied a team-best 81 percent blocking score against the Crimson Tide ... Was on the field for all 76 offensive snaps in the team's Week 11 victory over Arkansas, scoring an 85 percent blocking mark ... Credited with five knockdown blocks against the Razorbacks ... Started in the season finale at Ole Miss.

2007: Played in 11 games during his redshirt freshman season, seeing action as a reserve at offensive guard from the season's outset ... Only missed playing time during Week 3 game at Auburn and in the Week 5 contest at South Carolina ... Logged increased playing time as the season developed ... Settled in at offensive guard during pre-season camp and moved to second on the depth chart after missing substantial time the previous spring with a shoulder injury ... Was on the field for 12 offensive snaps in State's season opener vs. LSU ... Scored an 81 percent blocking grade against the Tigers ... Was again on the field for 12 plays one week

later in the team's win at Tulane ... Turned in a solid 82 percent blocking mark in the victory over the Green Wave ... Recorded two perfect snaps in State's Week 4 win over Gardner-Webb ... Added two more flawless snaps two weeks later in the Bulldogs' 30-13 win over UAB ... Was on the field for six mid-game snaps against Tennessee in Week 7 ... Had an 83 percent blocking mark with a pair of knockdown blocks against the Volunteers ... Beginning with MState's Week 8 game against West Virginia, he began seeing more field time and he responded with a blocking grade just over 80 percent for the remainder of the season ... Saw substantial work for the first time at West Virginia in Week 8 ... Was on the field for 23 offensive plays against the Mountaineers, scoring an 86 percent blocking grade with three pancake blocks ... Played 26 snaps at Kentucky in Week 9, scoring an 88 percent blocking mark, a grade that tied for the team lead ... Recorded three will-breaker blocks against the nationally ranked Wildcats ... Was on the field for nearly half the game (31 of 66 offensive snaps) in MSU's Week 10 victory over No. 21-ranked Alabama, the most snaps of his redshirt freshman campaign ... Recorded five knockdown blocks against the Crimson Tide ... Played 30 snaps (out of 85) at Arkansas in Week 11 ... Had a 77 percent blocking grade against the Razorbacks with three pancake blocks ... Was on the field for 24 snaps in the Bulldogs' 17-14 win over Ole Miss in the regular season-ending arch-rival game ... Tallied an 81 percent blocking mark with a knockdown block against the Rebels ... Saw substantial work in the Bulldogs' post-season win over Central Florida in the 2007 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

2006: Sat out his true freshman season ... Saw scout team practice time on both sides of the ball at the line of scrimmage.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game ... Credited with a 340-pound bench press max and a 5.0-second clocking in the 40-yard dash at the Rivals.com Louisiana Junior Day ... Has benched 185 pounds 35 times, with a 385-pound max, according to the Scout.com website ... Considered one of the top seniors in the state of Mississippi prior to his senior season by G&W Recruiting Report ... Displaced by Hurricane Katrina for his senior year of high school, he finished his prep career at Lilburn (Ga.) Parkview High School ... Helped Parkview to a 10-3 record during his senior campaign and into the state of Georgia playoff quarterfinals ... Was a two-way tackle for the Class 5A Panthers, a team which finished No. 6 in the Atlanta Journal Constitution's season-ending final poll ... Made 37 tackles with four tackles for loss on the season, a campaign that was interrupted for him at midseason by a broken left arm ... Rebounded from that injury to earn first-team, all-Gwinnett County on the defensive line ... Began his senior wrestling season at Parkview before returning to the state of Mississippi in January 2006 ... Selected second-team, Class 4A all-state at offensive guard following his junior season at St. Stanislaus by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Registered 62 tackles with six quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries during his junior campaign for head coach Casey Wittman at St. Stanislaus ... Helped lead his team to a 9-2 record during his junior year ... Also an outstanding wrestler and power lifter on the high school level ... A three-time USA wrestling champion for Louisiana/Alabama/Mississippi region, he finished sixth nationally ... Won a state wrestling championship in Louisiana all three years ... Finished fourth in the 308-pound weight class in the power lifting meet during his junior season, despite weighing just 275 at the time ... An outstanding student at the prep level, he had a 3.0-plus grade point average ... Owned his own pressure washing business in high school ... Other top scholarship offer: Rice ... Committed to Mississippi State in September 2005.

PERSONAL: Born Julio Cesar Brignone IV, 2-16-88, in Atlanta, Ga. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Brignone.





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Corey BROOMFIELD

DB • 5-10 • 180 • So. • 1L • Palm Bay, Fla. (Bayside)

CAREER: Talented player that made an impact during his redshirt freshman season ... Played in all 12 games a season ago and earned postseason honors ... Tied the Mississippi State record with six interceptions on the season ... Slated to start during his sophomore season

level with a 3.1 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Iowa State and Cincinnati ... Committed to MSU in July 2007. A

PERSONAL: Born Corey R. Broomfield, 8-31-90 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Broomfield.

despite not participating in contact drills during the spring practice period.

2009: Earned Freshman All-America and Freshman All-SEC honors after intercepting six passes during his redshirt season ... Played in all 12 games and recorded 19 tackles on the season ... Earned a pair of starts, coming against Florida and Ole Miss ... Tied a school record held by five others with six picks on the year ... Also tied a school record (along with fellow freshman Johnthan Banks) with two interceptions returned for touchdowns on the year ... Got off to a fast start with an interception and 43-yard return for a touchdown against Jackson State in first career game ... Picked off a pair of passes and posted a career-high five tackles against Middle Tennessee ... Earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors for his efforts against the Blue Raiders ... Picked off a pair of passes against Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallet in Week 11 ... Sealed the victory in the Egg bowl with a 64-yard interception return for touchdown in the season finale.

2008: Sat out his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 56 cornerback prospect in the nation by ESPN.com in its post-season listing of the top signees available ... Ran a 4.53-second 40-yard dash at the Miami Scout.com combine prior to his senior season ... Also recorded a 34.1-inch vertical jump at that session ... Named first-team, All-Space Coast at defensive back by Florida Today newspaper ... Earned third-team, all-state recognition ... Intercepted five passes for 160 yards, a 33.3-yard average per return, and two touchdowns as a senior for head coach Mike Davis at Bayside High School in Palm Bay, Fla... On offense, had 13 catches for 374 yards, a 28.8-yard average, and two touchdowns ... Also returned nine punts for 315 yards, a 35-yard average per return, and two touchdowns during his final prep season ... Registered 70 tackles during his junior season at Bayside ... Blocked five kicks and intercepted two passes during his junior campaign ... Also started as a sophomore ... Solid in the classroom on the high school





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Karlin BROWN

LB • 5-8 • 205 • Sr. • 2L • Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)

CAREER: Pressed into immediate service on Mississippi State special teams during his initial season on campus, he has developed into a valuable reserve and part-time starter in the Bulldog linebacker corps ... Has seen action in 23 games for the Bulldogs and started five times ... Has had two pass interceptions (31 yards in returns) and deflected one pass ... Joined the MState program from talent-rich Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Fla.

2009: Saw action in five games during his junior season on campus ... Played mainly on special teams as a reserve linebacker ... Posted seven tackles on the year ... Collected two stops in games against Auburn, Georgia Tech and Houston ... Also credited with one tackle for loss against Georgia Tech.

2008: Played in all but one game (11 of 12), and started five times at outside linebacker ... Only missed seeing action in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech ... Earned starts in five-straight games (Weeks 6-9) and in the season finale at Ole Miss ... Recorded 34 total tackles, including one for loss (minus 4 yards) ... Registered a pair of pass interceptions (31 yards in returns) and a pass deflection ... Made the first hit of his sophomore season in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Recorded one stop, a one-half tackle for loss (minus 3 yards), in State's SEC opener against Auburn ... Added two tackles one week later at Georgia Tech, a total that includes a half-tackle for loss (minus 1 yard) ... Again had a pair of tackles at LSU in Week 5 ... Had the best game of his Bulldog career in the team's win over Vanderbilt at mid-season ... Registered three tackles and an 11-yard pass interception in the victory over the Commodores ... His pick ended Vandy's final offensive possession in the 17-14 MSU triumph ... After making just nine tackles in the season's first five weeks (1.8 per game), he recorded 25 stops in the final six games (4.2 per game) ... Put a second-straight strong performance together in Week 7 at Tennessee ... Finished second on the club with eight hits against the Volunteers ... Tacked on a pass deflection ... Had a pair of tackles in his team's homecoming win over Middle Tennessee ... Added two more in Week 9 game vs. Kentucky ... Made one stop a week later at Alabama ... Added another hit one week later in the team's win over Arkansas ... Closed his sophomore season with the first double-digit tackle performance of his career at Ole Miss in the season finale ... Had 11 tackles against the Rebels, and returned an interception 20 yards.

2007: Played in seven games during his true freshman season ... Saw action in the year's first two games (LSU and

Tulane), in two games at mid-season (UAB and Tennessee), in Weeks 9 and 11 (Kentucky and Arkansas), and in the post-season contest against Central Florida ... Credited with one tackle on the season, a special teams hit at Arkansas.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 37 outside linebacker in the country by ESPN.com ... Helped lead head coach Bryan Jennings' Lincoln High School team in Tallahassee, Fla., to 9-4 overall record and into the Class 4A state semifinals as a senior ... Credited with running a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash by the Rivals.com recruiting web site following his junior season ... Helped lead head coach David Wilson and Kyle Rice's Lincoln High School team in Tallahassee, Fla., to a three-year 25-10 overall record during his three prep seasons ... Recorded 103 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss, five of which were quarterback sacks during his junior season at Lincoln ... Was honorable mention all-state following that junior campaign ... Also caused four fumbles and recovered three for the Trojans ... Made a pair of pass interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown ... Ran a 10.71 100 meters during his junior campaign and ran the first leg of his high school track team's 4x100 meter relay team which won the state championship in 2004 and the national title in spring 2005...

Started in football at the nationally prominent high school since his sophomore season ... Solid in the high school classroom ... Other top scholarship offers: LSU, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Iowa, Illinois, Louisville, Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State and South Florida ... Committed to MSU in May 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Karlin Reginald Brown, 1-26-89, in Tallahassee, Fla... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Brown.





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Chad BUMPHIS

WR • 5-10 • 195 • So. • 1L • Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo)

CAREER:

Became a primary playmaker for the Bulldogs during his true freshman season ... Has caught 32 passes for 375 yards and four touchdowns during his still-young career ... Came to Mississippi State as a highly-touted

2,207 yards and 23 touchdowns for head coach Eric Collins at Tupelo (Miss.) High School ... Rushed for 611 yards and had 617 yards receiving that season ... Scored seven touchdowns on punt and kickoff returns ... He also threw for 348 yards and six TDs ... Hauled in 37 passes for 787 yards and 12 touchdowns during his junior campaign ... As a sophomore, had 31 catches for 630 yards, a 20.3-yard average, and five touchdowns ... Other top scholarship offers: Alabama, Florida, LSU, Kentucky, Tennessee, Auburn, Ole Miss, Oklahoma and Texas Tech ... Committed to Mississippi State in January 2009.

PERSONAL: Born Chad Lemar Bumphis, 10-18-89 ... Son of Ms. Dorothy Bumphis.

recruit from the Mississippi prep ranks.

2009: Earned Freshman All-Southeastern Conference honors from the league's coaches ... Led the Mississippi State offense with 32 receptions and 375 receiving yards ... Opened his true freshman campaign with an end-around pass attempt on the first play of his career ... Caught two passes in the opener against Jackson State and scored touchdowns on both ... Returned 16 kickoffs for 383 yards on the season ... Also brought back five punts for 45 yards ... Had a career-best day with six catches for 123 yards and a touchdown against Houston ... Carried one time for 49 yards against Arkansas ... Hauled in three catches for 52 yards and a score in the season-ending Egg Bowl victory.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl game following his senior season ... Ranked No. 4 among the most impressive 15 players on the West squad for his practice work and game performance that week ... Was called the "star of most of the practices" during the week ... Listed as the No. 16 wide receiver available in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site had him rated as the 109th-best prospect, regardless of position, in the country ... Ranked as the No. 3 prospect in Mississippi by Rivals ... Listed No. 23 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top wide receivers in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Rated the No. 33 wide receiver prospect in the country following his senior season by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Credited with running a 4.4-second, 40-yard dash and a 34-inch vertical jump by that site ... Ranked No. 2 on the *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the 10 most wanted high school prospects in the state of Mississippi ... Ranked No. 5 on ESPN.com's list of the state's top players ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game ... Selected first-team, all-state by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper as an all-purpose back after his senior year ... Named to that newspaper's Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state of Mississippi ... During his career, he had 2,034 receiving yards, 1,348 rushing yards, and 568 yards passing ... He also totaled 1,429 yards in returns and scored 10 touchdowns on special teams ... Accounted for



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James CARMON

DL • 6-7 • 345 • Jr. • TR • Baltimore, Md. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)



Rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 8 prospect in the country regardless of position ... Finished 2009 season with 32 tackles and three sacks ... Recorded three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries over two seasons ... Played for head coach Steve Campbell and defensive line coach Dorsett Davis.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named all-state, all-metro and all county following junior and senior seasons ... Named Metro Player of the Year in 2008 ... Helped lead City College to a 9-3 record during his senior season ... Played for head coach George Petrides ... Named to G&W Recruiting Report Preseason Watch List prior to senior season.

PERSONAL: Born James Alvin Carmon, Jr. on February 21, 1989 in Baltimore, Md. ... Son of James Carmon Sr. and Angela Carmon.

CAREER: Big defensive tackle should make immediate impact along the defensive front ... Listed as a second-team defensive tackle headed into the 2010 season ... Comes to Mississippi State after a productive junior college career.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Rated nation's top junior college defensive tackle prospect by





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Arceto CLARK

DB • 5-10 • 180 • So. • 1L • Verona, Miss. (Shannon)

CAREER: Expected to contribute on special teams and as a reserve in the defensive backfield in 2010 ... Spent 2009 as a redshirt ... After a redshirt season was contemplated during his true freshman campaign, he saw action to conclude

the first year ... Has played in five games during his still very young Mississippi State career ... Came to MSU as an athlete who excelled on both side of the ball in high school ... Was selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game.

2009: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

2008: Played five games during his true freshman season ... After not seeing action in the season's first seven weeks, he saw game work in the final five ... Rushed three times for 21 yards, a 7.0-yard average ... Also caught three passes for 11 yards, a 3.7-yard average.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 36 cornerback prospect in the country by ESPN.com in its post-season listing ... Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama High School All-Star game as a wide receiver ... Credited with running a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Rated No. 9 on SuperPrep's post-season All-America listing of the state of Mississippi's top players, the state's second-ranked cornerback ... Rated among the top 25 recruits in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... That newspaper selected him second-team, all-state as a defensive back following his senior season for head coach Porter Casey at Shannon (Miss.) High School ... Registered four pass interceptions during his senior campaign ... On the offensive side of the football, caught 56 passes for 1,090 yards, a 19.7-yard per catch average, and 10 touchdowns, as a junior ... The yardage total topped the state's juniors ... That production resulted in his selection as the Class 4A Division 4 Offensive Most Valuable Player ... Also made 30 tackles and three pass interceptions during that junior campaign ... Solid student in the high school classroom with a 3.17 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss and Clemson ... Committed to MSU in July 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Arceto Martinez Clark, 9-29-89 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughn ... His cousin, Louis Clark, lettered as a wide receiver for Mississippi State, 1983-86.





75 Blaine CLAUSELL

OL • 6-7 • 310 • Fr. • H.S. • Mobile, Ala. (Baker)

CAREER: Joined the program in January after finishing his high school career ... Participated in spring drills and concluded the period as the primary backup at left tackle ... Came to Mississippi State from the Mobile, Ala., prep ranks.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Tim Massengale at Baker High School ... Rated at two stars by both Scout.com and Rivals.com ... First player from his high school to play football in the Southeastern Conference ... Recipient of Sherryl Smith Scholarship Award ... First-team all-area ... Committed to Mississippi State in July prior to senior season ... Chose Bulldogs over Louisiana, Southern Mississippi, Troy and UAB.

PERSONAL: Born Blaine Iman Clausell on January 31, 1992 in Mobile ... Son of Leon and Teraca Lang.



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Montrell CONNER

RB • 6-2 • 225 • RFr. • RS • Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parrish)

CAREER: Talented youngster expected to contribute during his redshirt freshman season ... Still awaiting his first opportunity to help on the playing field ... Stood out on the scout team during his true freshman

campaign ... Redshirted behind three senior tailbacks his first year on campus.

2009: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Bowl in Orlando, Fla., following his senior season . . . Ranked as the No. 16 "athlete" in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com, the No. 11 prospect, regardless of position, in the state of Louisiana . . . He was the top-ranked athlete in the state by Rivals.com . . . Listed No. 20 on Super Prep Magazine's ranking of the top running backs in the country in its post-season All-America issue . . . Selected to the G&W Recruiting Report's Pre-season Top 250 prospects nationally, one of the top 25 defensive back/athletes on the list . . . Rated the No. 31 running back in the country by Scout.com, which also credited him with running a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash . . . Considered the No. 34 running back in the nation by national recruiting web site Rivals.com . . . Picked as the No. 18 prospect in the state of Louisiana regardless of position by that web site, the No. 2 "athlete" in their ranking . . . Named first-team, Class 5A all-state following his senior season for head coach John Carr at Ouachita Parish High School in Monroe, La. . . . Rushed for 1,961 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior . . . Rushed 205 times for 1,139 yards, a 5.6-yard per carry average, and 13 touchdowns during his junior season . . . Scored nine more touchdowns on receptions and returns . . . Solid high school student with a 3.0 grade point average . . . Other top scholarship offers: Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Oregon, Southern California, Oklahoma, Kansas, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Miami, and Colorado . . . Committed to MSU in August 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Montrell Conner, 2-24-90 . . . Nicknamed "Choo-Choo" . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Robinson.





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Kendrick COOK

TE • 6-3 • 250 • Jr. • 2L • Attalla, Ala. (Etowah)

CAREER: Talented blocker should see valuable playing time in 2010 ... Has played in 18 career games as a special teamer and reserve tight end ... A redshirt season was considered during his true freshman campaign but injuries at the tight end position forced him onto the playing field.

2009: Saw action in 10 games, playing mainly on special teams and as a reserve tight end ... Earned one start in a two-tight end set against Auburn in Week 2 ... Primarily used as a blocker, did catch one pass for 13 yards against Georgia Tech.

2008: Played in eight games

during his true freshman season ... Did not see game action in the season's first three weeks and two weeks later at LSU ... Earned his first collegiate start at Alabama in Week 10 and opened the Arkansas win one week later.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 34 tight end prospect in the nation by ESPN.com in its post-season listing ... Rated as the No. 49 tight end prospect in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Starred for four years at tight end for head coach Gene Hill at Etowah High School in Attalla, Ala., helping his high school team to a 31-13 record during that time ... Selected to the *Gadsden Times* Dirty Dozen during both his junior and senior seasons, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the Gadsden area ... Hauled in 26 passes for 331 yards, a 12.7-yard per catch average, and one touchdown ... Named Class 5A first-team, all-state as a tight end for the Blue Devils during his junior season by the Alabama Sports Writers Association ... Caught 31 passes for 438 yards, a 14.1-yard average, and three touchdowns, during that junior campaign ... Credited with running a 4.8 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Three-sport star on the high school level who also excelled in baseball and basketball ... Solid student in the high school classroom with a 3.25 grade point average ... Committed to MSU in July 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Kendrick ShaMar Cook, 8-22-90, in Gadsden, Ala. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cook Sr. ... His brother played baseball at Alabama State.





94 Fletcher COX

DL • 6-4 • 300 • So. • 1L • Yazoo City, Miss. (Yazoo City)

CAREER: Talented defensive lineman made an immediate impact during his true freshman season ... Slated to start along the Bulldog defensive front in 2010 ... Highly recruited athlete from Yazoo City, Miss.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season ... Earned Freshman All-Southeastern Conference honors from the league's coaches ... Started four times on the year ... Posted 29 total tackles with 3.5 coming behind the line of scrimmage ... Began

career with two tackle for loss game against Jackson State ... Also posted first career sack against the Tigers ... Recorded career-high five tackles in Week 2 against Auburn ... Earned first start against Middle Tennessee ... Credited with four tackles with 1.5 for loss against the Blue Raiders ... Also posted four stops against Florida and Arkansas.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 5 weak side defensive end in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site credits him with the second-fastest first step among all defensive ends and a 4.47 time in the 40-yard dash ... Rivals moved him among its top 100 players overall in the country in its final post-season ranking ... He is also considered the No. 2 prospect in the state of Mississippi by Rivals, the top defensive player on the chart ... Considered the No. 17 defensive end prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Listed No. 31 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top defensive linemen in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper for all classifications ... Ranked No. 4 on the *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the 10 most wanted high school prospects in the state of Mississippi, the top defensive lineman on the list ... Also selected to that newspaper's Dandy Dozen list, symbolic of being one of the top 12 high school players in Mississippi ... Made 104 total tackles during his senior season, including 10 quarterback sacks ... Also had one pass interception and a fumble recovery ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season for head coach Tony Woolfolk at Yazoo City (Miss.) High School ... Selected to the G&W Recruiting Report's Pre-season Top 250 prospects nationally, one of the top 56 offensive and defensive linemen on the list ... During his junior campaign, he had 103 total tackles, including 11 quarterback sacks and two pass interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown ... Other top scholarship offers: LSU, Alabama, Auburn, Ole Miss and Colorado ... Committed to MSU in April 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Fletcher Cox, 12-13-90 ... Son of Mrs. Melissa Cox Bright.





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Derek DePASQUALE

K • 5-8 • 180 • Sr. • 1L • The Woodlands, Texas (Colorado School of Mines)



CAREER: Pressed into service during his first year on campus ... Connected on 10-of-12 field goal attempts with a long of 48 yards ... Started each of the last seven games ... Made all 23 of his point after touchdown attempts.

2009: Stepped in when starting kicker Sean Brauchle was injured during the Georgia Tech game in Week 5 ... Connected on 10-of-12 field goals with only one miss inside of 50 yards ... Made his first career attempt against Georgia Tech ... Converted all 23 point after attempts during his first season ... Made a career-long 48-yarder in the Egg Bowl victory ... Also booted a 43-yarder against Florida.

COLLEGE: Played one year at Division II Colorado School of Mines in Golden Colorado ... Played in five games in 2007 for the Orediggers ... Converted on all 17 extra point attempts and 3-of-7 field goal tries.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Mark Schmidt at The Woodlands High School in The Woodlands, Texas ... Named Academic All-State as a senior and Academic All-District each of his final two seasons in high school ... Three year starter at place-kicker.

PERSONAL: Born Derek Anthony DePasquale on 8-13-88 in New Orleans, La. ... Son of Clare Furr-Smith and Thomas Smith ... Twin sister Amber plays softball at Liberty University.



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Robert ELLIOTT

RB • 6-2 • 215 • Jr. • 2L • Okolona, Miss. (Okolona)



2009: Saw playing time in all 12 games during his sophomore season ... Played mainly on special teams and as a reserve running back ... Carried 44 times for 221 yards and a touchdown ... Saw most extensive action at tailback in the season opener against Jackson State ... Rushed 11 times for 80 yards and a score against the Tigers ... Ran five times for

27 yards and hauled in two passes against Georgia Tech ... Return a block punt for a score against Auburn.

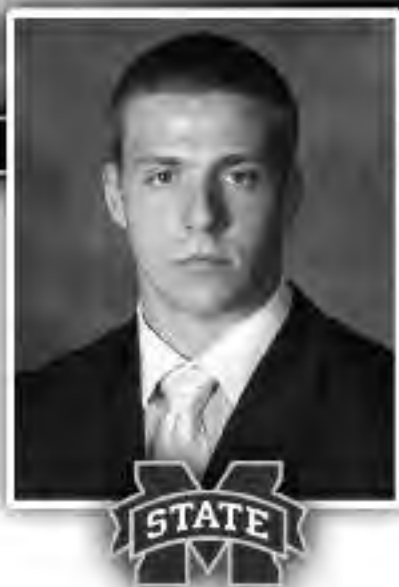
2008: Played in four games during his redshirt freshman season until having that campaign curtailed by a knee injury ... After not seeing action in the season opener, played in four straight games (Weeks 2-5) ... Rushed 18 times for 61 yards, a 3.4-yard per carry average, and one touchdown ... Also had four pass receptions for 53 yards, a 13.2-yard average ... Saw his first action from the line of scrimmage in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Rushed five times for 7 yards and had a 19-yard pass reception against the Lions ... Saw the most extensive work of his redshirt freshman season at Georgia Tech in Week 4 ... Rushed a career-best nine times for 36 yards and a touchdown, and caught three passes for 34 yards ... The score was the first of his collegiate career ... Rushed four times for 18 yards at LSU in

Week 5, but suffered a season-ending knee injury shortly before halftime ... Led all rushers during two fall scrimmages by gaining 86 yards on 27 attempts.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season at Mississippi State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic ... Ranked as the No. 8 running back in the nation by national recruiting web site Scout.com, the No. 55 prospect regardless of position on its list ... Also ranked No. 13 in the southeast, regardless of position, the No. 3 running back in the region, by Scout in its preseason yearbook ... Likewise rated the No. 5 running back in the nation by *SuperPrep Magazine* in its season-ending All-America issue ... That publication has him ranked as No. 2 prospect in Mississippi, the top-rated running back ... Moved up 13 spots on that publication's ranking from its pre-season No. 18 standing in the country ... Rated the No. 11 running back in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site ranked him as the No. 2 prospect in Mississippi, the top running back listed ... Rated with the top 25 running backs in the nation prior to his senior season by the G&W Recruiting Report ... Ranked with the top 10 running backs in the Southeast by the Rivals.com recruiting yearbook following his senior campaign ... Mentioned with the top 14 running backs in the southeast on the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 ... Listed with the top 15 running backs in the southeast by *PrepStar* recruiting magazine following his senior season ... Named first-team, all-state following his senior season for head coach Andrew Aldridge at Okolona (Miss.) High School by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* ... Ranked No. 3 on the *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the top 10 players in the state in that paper's post-season chart, the top running back in the state ... Also named to the Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state, by that newspaper ... Rushed for more than 5,000 yards and 51 rushing touchdowns during his high school career at Okolona ... Had another 740 yards receiving and eight more scores through the air ... Rushed for 1,730 yards on 221 carries, a 7.8-yard per rush average, and 18 touchdowns during that senior campaign for the Chieftains ... Also caught 17 passes for 300 yards out of the backfield ... Was a return man on special teams as well ... Gained 1,818 yards on 215 carries and scored 17 TDs during his junior season ... Caught 22 passes for 404 yards that season ... Ran a 4.58 40-yard dash and jumped 32 inches in the vertical leap at the Oxford Scout.com combine ... Had the second-best showing in both the standing broad jump (10 feet, 3 inches) and the shuttle run (4.41 seconds) ... Was the most valuable player of that combine ... Credited with a 255-pound bench press max, he did 16 repetitions of 185 pounds on the bench, according to recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss, Alabama and Florida State.

PERSONAL: Born Robert L. Elliott III, 6-23-89, in Okolona, Miss... Son of Mrs. Bridgett Elliott.



46 Aaron FELD

SN • 6-1 • 230 • Sr. • 3L • Homewood, Ala. (Homewood)

CAREER: Assumed all snapping duties for Mississippi State after redshirting as a true freshman and maintained that role through his junior season ... Has started 36 of a possible 37 games at his specialty following that redshirt season, missing one game

due to injury ... Has made 11 special teams tackles ... Came to State following a high school career in which he starred on both sides of the ball, but with a talent for deep snapping.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his junior season ... Was not credited with a tackle during the 2009 campaign ... Also handled the short snapping duties for the Bulldogs in addition to his punt responsibilities.

2008: Played in 11 of 12 games during his sophomore season, missing one game due to injury ... Did not play at Alabama in Week 10 ... Made six tackles on the year, four in the season's final four games ... Had a special teams tackle at Louisiana Tech to open his sophomore season ... Added another in Week 5 at LSU ... Made a special teams tackle in his team's homecoming win over Middle Tennessee ... Added another hit in Week 9 game vs. Kentucky ... Added one tackle in back-to-back games against Arkansas and Ole Miss to conclude his sophomore season.

2007: Played in all 13 games during his redshirt freshman season, starting each contest at his specialty ... Broke pre-season training camp as the regular long snapper on punts and short snapper for all placements ... Recorded five special teams tackles ... Made his first tackle in Week 4 action against Gardner-Webb ... Added another special teams tackle against Tennessee in Week 7 ... Made two hits at West Virginia one week later ... Returned to the stats sheet with a tackle against Ole Miss in the team's 17-14 win over the Rebels in the Battle for the Golden Egg.

2006: Sat out the year as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Tested with the defensive ends (his high school position) at the Oxford NIKE Training Camp, he placed in all four areas in his group ... Finished second among all defensive ends with 22 repetitions of 225 pounds on the bench press, and second in the vertical leap (32 inches) ... Was timed in 5.01 seconds in the 40-yard dash and 4.72 in the shuttle run, ninth and fifth respectively, among all

defensive ends ... Has a 320-pound bench press max ... A four-year starter, he set his high school's single-season and all-time quarterback sack records while playing defensive end ... Totaled 25 quarterback sacks during his career ... Named honorable mention all-state and all-metro Birmingham following a standout senior season by the *Birmingham News* ... Helped lead head coach Bob Newton's Homewood (Ala.) High School team to a 56-3 record and three state championships during his four seasons of high school ball, a 15-0 mark in 2005 and a second-straight state title ... Made 92 tackles, including 18 quarterback sacks and 12 other tackles for loss during his senior season ... Caused six fumbles for the Patriot defense ... Played fullback on the offensive side of the ball ... Also wrestled at the high school level, finishing second in the state at the 225-pound weight class as a junior ... Helped lead Homewood's wrestling team to a state championship in 2003 ... Outstanding student in the classroom ... Committed to Mississippi State in December 2005.

PERSONAL: Born Aaron Wesley Feld, 8-10-87, in Homewood, Ala. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Feld.



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Sean FERGUSON

DL • 6-3 • 255 • Jr. • 2L • Miami, Fla. (Norland)



CAREER: Expected to continue to play a prominent role along the defensive front during his junior season ... Was pressed into immediate service at defensive end during his true freshman season ... Has played

in all 24 games during his Mississippi State career, starting nine times ... Has made 37 tackles, including six and a half for loss ... Came to MSU after playing in the state of Florida High School All-Star game.

2009: Played in all 12 games earning four starts during his sophomore season ... Posted 25 total tackles on the year with five and a half coming behind the line of scrimmage ... Tallied a career best eight tackles against Florida with 1.5 TFL ... Also credited with a pair of quarterback hurries on the season ... Recorded his first career sack in the Egg Bowl victory.

2008: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season, starting five times at a defensive end position ... Received the opening call in the first three games of the season and back-to-back games against Middle Tennessee and Kentucky in Weeks 8-9 ... Registered 12 tackles, including one for loss (minus 4 yards) on the year ... Became the first true freshman to start the first game of his career for Mississippi State since Quinton Culberson did so against Oregon in 2003, and just the second since 1986 ... Made one tackle in the season's first game at Louisiana Tech ...

Registered three tackles in Mississippi State's home-opening 34-10 win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Had one stop at LSU in Week 5 ... Recorded five tackles, and his lone tackle for loss, in back-to-back games at mid-season at Tennessee and against Middle Tennessee ... Added two more stops at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Registered three tackles, including a 4-yard tackle for loss, in his team's homecoming win over Middle Tennessee ... Added one hit each in back-to-back games against Arkansas and Ole Miss to conclude his first season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named one of the top 25 prospects in the Miami-Dade County area, the fourth-best pass rushing prospect, by the Miami Herald ... That newspaper selected him second-team Dade County in the Class 4A-6A divisions on the defensive line following his senior season ... Selected to play in both the Florida High School All-Star game and the Broward-Dade County All-Star game following his senior season ... He had a pair of sacks in the Florida High School All-Star game ... Finished the regular season with 57 tackles and 12 quarterback sacks during his senior campaign for head coach Nigel Dunn Jr. at Norland High School in Miami, Fla... . Helped lead Norland to a 7-4 record during that senior campaign ... Had 35 tackles and five sacks as a junior ... Also played on the offensive line during his high school career ... Wrestled and ran track as a prepster, as well ... Other top scholarship offers: Rutgers, South Florida, Florida Atlantic, Florida International ... Committed to MSU in January 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Sean Pierre Ferguson, 9-25-89, in Miami, Fla... . Son of Ms. Philicia Ferguson.





76 Phillip FREEMAN

OL • 6-6 • 305 • Sr. • 1L • Wesson, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] CC)

CAREER: Played in 11 games during his career at Mississippi State ... Redshirted his first year after transferring from junior college ... Was first-team, all-state in the Mississippi Junior College system at offensive tackle while at Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.) Community College.

2009: Saw playing time in 11 of 12 games during his junior season ... Played mainly on special teams and as a reserve along the offensive line ... Only missed action came due to injury prior to Week 8 game at Middle Tennessee.

2008: Sat out the season as a transfer redshirt.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Starred as an offensive tackle at hometown Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.) Community College for head coach Glen Davis ... Earned first-team, all-state recognition at the conclusion of his 2006 freshman and 2007 sophomore seasons by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges ... Ranked No. 24 on the Rivals.com list of the nation's top 50 junior college prospects, the second-best offensive lineman on the chart ... Rated among the top 25 junior college players in Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* ... Credited with a 300-pound bench press max and a 5.0-second 40-yard dash time by Rivals ... Other top scholarship offers: Arizona State, Kansas State, Boise State, Colorado and Oklahoma State ... Committed to MSU in December 2007.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both offensive and defensive tackle for three seasons at Wesson (Miss.) High School.

PERSONAL: Born Phillip Freeman, 8/29/89.



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Emmanuel GATLING

LB • 6-0 • 220 • Sr. • 1L • McAllen, Texas (Rowe)

CAREER: Has played in 23 games during his Mississippi State career ... Joined the program as a walk-on and has contributed on special teams throughout his time in Starkville.

2009: Played in all 12 games ... Saw action mainly on special teams and as a reserve in the defensive

backfield ... Tallied eight tackles ... Posted a pair of stops against both Florida and Kentucky ... Also recorded single tackles against Auburn, Georgia Tech, Arkansas and Ole Miss.

2008: Played in 11 games during his sophomore campaign, only missing seeing action in the season opener at Louisiana Tech ... Registered four special teams tackles on the year, one each against Southeastern Louisiana, Georgia Tech, LSU, and Alabama.

2007: Did not see action as a redshirt freshman.

2006: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played quarterback and free safety for four seasons at Nikki Rowe High School in McAllen, Texas ... Helped the team to a 26-4 record during his first three years ... Made 138 tackles during his high school career, while adding seven pass interceptions ... Was named honorable mention all-state during his senior campaign and played in two post-season all-star classics.

PERSONAL: Born Emmanuel O. Gatling, 9/20/85, in Boston, Mass... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Gatling.





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Marcus GREEN

TE • 6-1 • 235 • Jr. • 2L • Scooba, Miss. (Kemper County)

CAREER: Emerged as the Bulldogs primary tight end during his sophomore season ... Played in 14 games during his career ... After a redshirt season, he was limited by injury in his first season of eligibility ... Made an early true freshman season move from

running back to tight end and spent the season working at his new position on the scout team ... Came to the Bulldogs as a highly recruited running back from nearby Scooba, Miss.

2009: Played in all 12 games, earning six starts on the year ... Became the starting tight end and only missed opening calls due to formation changes ... One of the top receivers on the team during his sophomore season ... Caught 27 passes for 306 yards and three touchdowns ... Hauled in his first touchdown in the season opener against Jackson State ... Pulled in five catches for a career-high 100 yards against LSU, including a 50-yard catch-and-run for a score ... Also caught a touchdown pass in the season-ending victory in the Egg Bowl.

2008: Played in the first two games of his redshirt freshman season, starting once at tight end (vs. Southeastern Louisiana), during an injury-shortened campaign ... Had one pass reception (50 yards) and one rush (3-yard loss) in limited activity ... Rushed once on a tight-end reverse for a 3-yard loss in the season opener at Louisiana Tech ... Had his first collegiate pass reception, a 50-yard catch-and-run, in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana, his first collegiate start ... Re-aggravated a persistent hamstring injury in that game and missed the remainder of the year.

2007: Redshirted his first season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Listed No. 5 on the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* ranking of the top 40 prospects in the state of Mississippi, the second-best running back mentioned ... Rated the No. 18 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by *SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine*, the third-best "athlete" listed ... Moved to 17th in *SuperPrep's* season-ending All-America issue ... Chosen to the *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being one of the top 12 football players in the state of Mississippi ... Named first-team, all-state in all classifications by that newspaper following his senior season ... Earned first-team, all-state mention in Class 2A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches as a running back ... Rushed 156 times for 1,618 yards (10.4 yards per rush) and

25 touchdowns during his senior season for head coach Brock Clay at Kemper County High School in DeKalb, Miss... Also threw for five touchdowns ... Credited with running a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash at the Oxford Scout.com combine following his junior year ... That 40 time was the fourth fastest among all wide receivers at the camp ... His 34-inch vertical leap tied for third best among his peers, and his 9-foot, 9-inch vault in the broad jump was second best ... Rushed for 1,074 yards and 12 touchdowns during his junior season on the gridiron, playing only on the offensive side of the ball for the Wildcats ... Also threw for 376 yards and five more touchdowns ... Returned three kickoffs for touchdown ... Was named most valuable player on his high school football and basketball teams during both his junior and senior seasons ... Was selected to play in the Mississippi North-South All-Star basketball game following his junior year and earned game most valuable player honors ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in August 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Marcus Lakendrick Green, 5-6-88, in Meridian, Miss... Son of Mr. Fred Ramsey and Ms. Patrice Green.





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Patrick HANRAHAN

FB • 5-11 • 235 • Sr. • 1L • Springville, Ala. (Alabama)

CAREER: Played in every game in 2009 after joining the Bulldogs as a walk-on ... Slated as the top fullback on the roster entering the 2010 season ... Came to Mississippi State after beginning his career at Alabama.

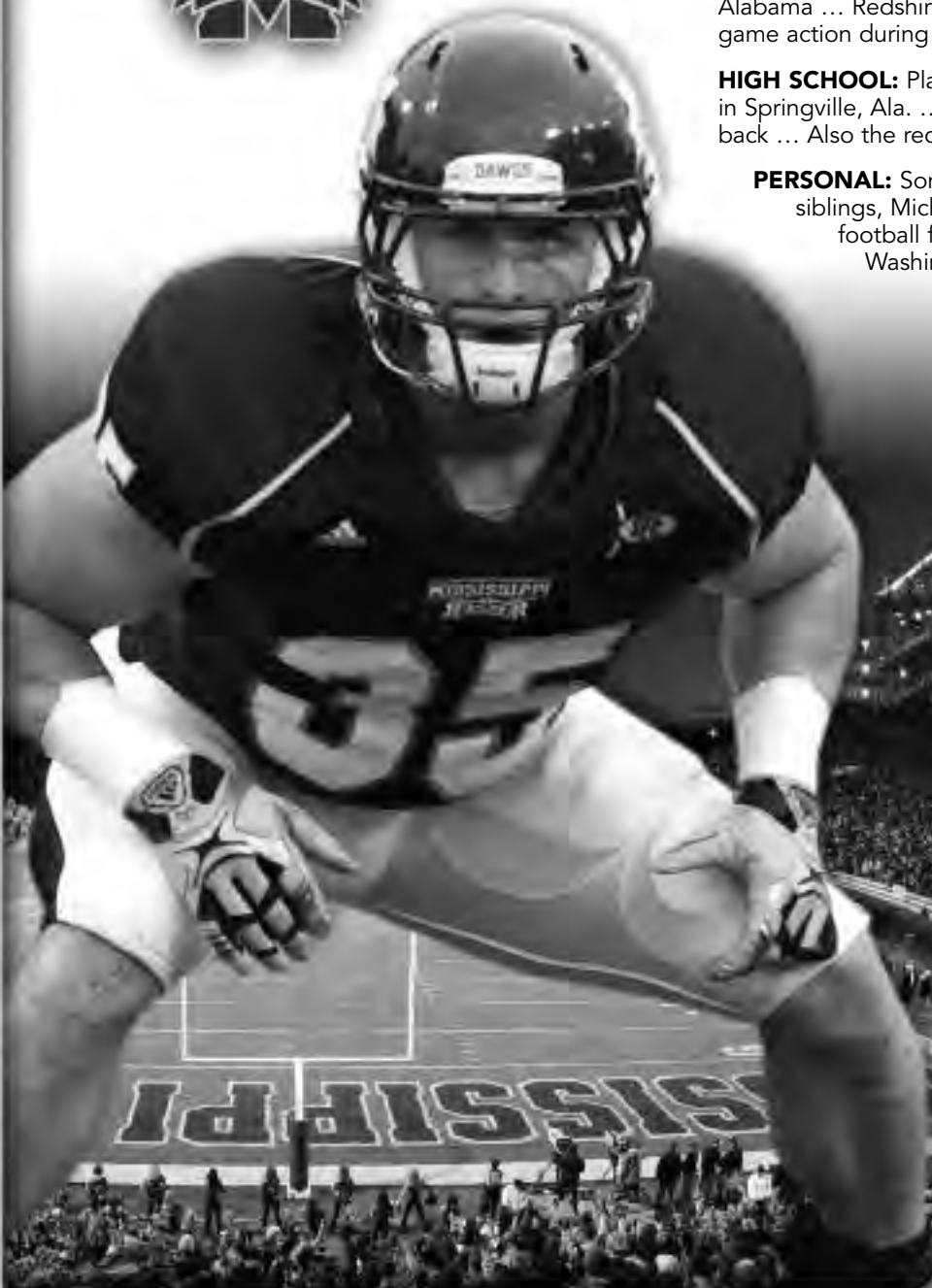
2009: Saw playing time in all 12 games during his junior season ... Saw action both at fullback and on special teams ... Carried one time against Jackson State, falling for a one yard loss ... Blocked an Auburn punt that resulted in a touchdown in Week 2 ... Credited with nine special teams tackles on the year.

2008: Sat out the season as an incoming transfer.

COLLEGE: Began his collegiate career at the University of Alabama ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... Did not see any game action during his redshirt freshman campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played three years at Springville High School in Springville, Ala. ... Earned All-State selection as a running back ... Also the recipient of the school's Athlete award.

PERSONAL: Son of Gary and Pam Hanrahan ... Has two siblings, Michael and Michelle ... Father, Gary, played football for Alabama and was a member of the Washington Redskins ... Born 5-5-86.





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Templeton HARDY

OL • 6-3 • 300 • So. • SQ • Como, Miss. (North Panola)

CAREER: Listed as second team left guard heading into fall camp ... Played in only one game during his redshirt freshman season on campus ... Came to Mississippi State as an outstanding two-way lineman in the Mississippi prep ranks.

2009: Saw only game action in the season opener against Jackson

State as a reserve along the offensive line.

2008: Sat out his first season on campus as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated as the No. 8 defensive tackle prospect in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site has him ranked as the No. 3 player, regardless of position, in the state of Mississippi, the top-rated defensive lineman ... ESPN.com has him ranked as the No. 9 defensive tackle prospect in the U.S. in its post-season listing ... Ranked as the No. 16 defensive tackle prospect in the country prior to his senior season by recruiting web site Scout.com, the 39th-best prospect overall ... Selected to play in the Under Armour All-Star game following his senior season ... Listed with the top 40 offensive and defensive linemen in the Southeastern Conference area by the *G&W Recruiting Report*, one of only three linemen listed from the state of Mississippi ... That publication also mentioned him as one of the top 250 players in the country, regardless of position ... Attended the U.S. Army junior combine in San Antonio, Texas, in January 2007 ... Ran a 5.2-second 40-yard dash at that combine, bench pressed 300 pounds, and jumped 28 inches in the vertical leap ... Rated No. 4 on *SuperPrep's* post-season All-America listing of the state of Mississippi's top players, the state's top defensive lineman ... That site had him ranked as the No. 30 defensive lineman available in the country ... Selected to the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state of Mississippi ... Rated No. 9 in the state of Mississippi's Ten Most Wanted recruits by that newspaper following his senior season ... Registered 148 tackles, including 28 for loss, nine of which were quarterback sacks, during his junior season ... Also had one pass interception (touchdown return), three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries ... Three-year, two-way starter for head coach Clifton Davis Jr. at North Panola ... Started for the Cougars' basketball team as well ... Outstanding high school student in the classroom with a 3.4 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss, Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Southern Cal, Stanford and UCLA ... Committed to MSU in June 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Templeton Rashaad Hardy, 9-20-89, in Senatobia, Miss... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hardy.





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Brandon HEAVENS

WR • 5-10 • 175 • So. • 1L • Bessemer, Ala. (Jess Lanier)

CAREER: Speedy wideout will compete for a starting role in 2010 ... Came to Mississippi State after a standout career in the Alabama prep ranks.

2009: Saw immediate playing time among the wide receiver corps during his true freshman season ... Rushed nine times for 27

yards and caught seven passes for 36 yards ... Carried twice for 14 yards in his first career action against Jackson State ... Had a career-high three rushes in win over Vanderbilt .. Returned a pair of kickoffs for a total of 40 yards on the year.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 33 "athlete" in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com . . . That site also has him listed as the No. 15 prospect in Alabama, regardless of position, the top "athlete" listed and the second-best wide receiver . . . Played in just five games during his senior season for Jess Lanier, a campaign cut short by a high ankle sprain injury . . . Still caught 14 passes for 330 yards, a 23.6-yard average, and five touchdowns . . . Also rushed 21 times for 136 yards, a 6.5-yard per carry average . . . Had transferred to Lanier following his junior season at Bessemer Academy . . . Selected to the Birmingham News newspaper Super Senior list prior to his senior season . . . Led Bessemer Academy to back-to-back 13-0 records during his sophomore and junior seasons . . . Named first-team, all-state by the Alabama Independent Schools Association following his junior season at Bessemer Academy and selected to the Birmingham News Super Metro team for all classifications as a wide receiver . . . Was selected the state of Alabama Back of the Year after accounting for 3,119 all-purpose yards as a junior . . . Rushed for 730 yards, had 1,236 yards receiving, and more than 1,000 yards in punt and kickoff returns during that junior campaign . . . Scored 22 touchdowns . . . Credited with running a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash by national recruiting web site Scout.com . . . Also a standout on his high school basketball team . . . Other top scholarship offers: Alabama, Tennessee, Auburn and Kentucky.

PERSONAL: Born Brandon Heavens, 4-28-91 . . . Son of Mrs. Debbie Mixon.





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Sylvester HEMPHILL

FB • 5-11 • 235 • So. • 1L • Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)

CAREER: Emerged as a solid fullback and special teamer after walking on to the Bulldog squad out of high school ... Came to Mississippi State from the traditional high-school hotbed of Olive Branch, Miss.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season ... Carried three times for five yards in the season opener against Jackson State ... Saw action mainly on special teams during the course of the season ... Served on the field goal and point after protection units.

2008: Redshirted his true freshman season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Scott Samsel at Olive Branch High School ... Compiled 119 tackles during his junior season ... Selected to play linebacker in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star Game ... Credited with five tackles and a forced fumble in that contest ... One of several recent Bulldogs to prep at Olive Branch, including senior linebacker K.J. Wright.

PERSONAL: Born 8-23-90 in Vicksburg, Miss. ... Son of Jerome and Lynda Hemphill.





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Brandon HENDERSON

TE • 6-2 • 245 • Sr. • 2L • Fayetteville, Ga. (Fayette County)

CAREER: Has played in 18 games for Mississippi State during his college career after redshirting his first season with the Bulldogs ... Has caught six passes for 70 yards, an 11.7-yard average, and one touchdown ... Came to Starkville as a solid all-around player in the talent-laden Georgia high school ranks.

2009: Played in only four games during an injury-plagued

junior season ... Saw action in the season opener and did not see the playing field again until Week 10 against Alabama.

2008: Played in all 12 games during his sophomore season at the tight end position and on special teams ... Caught six passes for 70 yards, an 11.7-yard average, and one touchdown ... All of those statistics came during a four-week stretch at mid-season, Weeks 6-9 ... Had the first two catches of his collegiate career during Mississippi State's mid-season win over Vanderbilt, gaining 11 yards ... Added a 12-yard reception in Week 7 at Tennessee ... Made one catch (2 yards) in his team's homecoming win over Middle Tennessee ... Had two catches for 45 yards in Week 9 action against Kentucky ...

2007: Had the beginning of his redshirt freshman season slowed by an ankle injury which limited him most of the early portion of the season ... Played for the first time during his redshirt freshman campaign in Week 3 vs. Auburn ... Saw game action again one week later against Gardner-Webb.

2006: Sat out his first season on campus as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ran a 4.87 40-yard dash at the Athens (Ga.) NIKE Training Camp prior to his senior high school season ... His 4.31 time in the shuttle, however, was the second-fastest among those players classified as "athletes" at the camp ... Was also second in that group with 18 repetitions of 185 pounds in the bench press ... Finished fourth among those players with a 31-inch vertical leap ... Played both wide receiver and tight end during his high school career for head coach Tommy Webb at Fayette County (Ga.) High School ... Had 21 pass receptions during his senior season for the Tigers, working as both a tight end and an h-back on a predominately running team ... Made 18 catches with a pair of scores as a junior ... Also saw action at defensive end ... Committed to Mississippi State in November 2005.

PERSONAL: Born Brandon Michael Henderson, 2-15-88, in Athens, Ga... Son of Mr. Keith Henderson and Ms. Carolyn Jones ... His father played football at Georgia and lettered for the Bulldogs 1985-88, and later played professionally with the San Francisco 49ers (1989-92) and Minnesota Vikings (1992) ... Majoring in broadcasting.





45 Michael HUNT

LB • 6-3 • 245 • So. • SQ • Meadville, Miss. (Franklin County)

CAREER: Has played in five games during his still young Bulldog career ... Enrolled at Mississippi State in January of 2009 after finishing high school ... High school standout in the defensive secondary at Mississippi prep power Franklin County.

2009: Saw action in five games during his redshirt freshman season ... Played mainly on special teams ... Recorded one tackle against Florida ... Played in the season opener against Jackson State and again against Georgia Tech ... Played for three consecutive weeks in the middle of the season, seeing special teams work against Middle Tennessee, Florida and Kentucky.

2008: Sat out the season as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 63 safety prospect in the country by ESPN.com following his senior season at Franklin County (Miss.) High School in 2006 ... Rated among the top 60 defensive backs in the Southeast by *PrepStar* recruiting magazine in its season-ending yearbook ... Credited with running a 4.53 in the 40-yard dash by that publication ... Listed as the No. 16 prospect in the state following his senior season by Rivals.com, the second-best defensive back in its ranking ... Rated the No. 26 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by *SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine*, the second-best safety on the list ... Credited with a 300-pound bench press by the Rivals.com recruiting web site ... Benched 185 pounds 15 times at the Baton Rouge summer 2006 NIKE Training Camp ... Two-way star for head coach Grady McCluskey at Franklin County in Meadville, Miss... . Helped lead his team to a 14-1 record and a Class 3A state title as a senior ... Played wide receiver and defensive back for the Bulldogs ... Registered 60 tackles and made three interceptions during his senior campaign ... Registered five interceptions during his junior season at Franklin County ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in May 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Mike Monroe Hunt Jr., 9-19-88 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hunt Sr.





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Heath HUTCHINS

P • 6-1 • 205 • Sr. • 1L • Saltillo, Miss. (Itawamba [Miss.] CC)

Career: Has handled punting duties for the Bulldogs since joining the program in January 2009 and participating in spring practice ... Booted fifty punts for a 39.7 yard average during his first season on campus ... Came to State from the Mississippi junior college system as an all-star punter.

2009: Earned starting spot as Bulldog punter from the beginning of the season ...

Began his career with a 56-yard boot against Jackson State and another pinned inside the 20 ... Finished the season with 22 forced fair catches and a pair of 50-yarders ... Had 11 punts downed inside opponents' 20 yard line ... Credited with one tackle on the year, coming against Kentucky.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Punted 93 times for a 44-yard average during his two seasons as a junior college punter ... Selected first-team, junior college all-America punter by the National Junior College Athletic Association ... Chosen first-team, All-Region XXIII punter by the NJCAA ... Named pre-season All-America prior to his sophomore campaign ... Led the nation in punting during his sophomore campaign, averaging 46.1 yards on 69 kicks, with a season-best 69-yard boot ... Had a string of six straight games during his sophomore season in which he pinned the opponent inside the 2-yard line, and 25 of 42 inside the 20 for the year ... Also handled the kicking duties the final five games of that season and missed just one field goal ... Named all-state by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges following his freshman season ... Led the state of Mississippi and ranked sixth nationally in punting as a freshman, averaging 41.8 yards per punt ... Had a season best 57-yarder during his first JUCO season ... Thirty of those 55 punts came to rest inside the opponent 20-yard line ... Played for head coach Jeff Terrill at Itawamba (Miss.) Community College ... Also an outstanding student in the junior college classroom ... Committed to MSU in November 2008.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 1 punter at the Ray Guy Punting Academy following his senior season ... Played at Saltillo (Miss.) High School as a freshman, junior and senior ... Spent his sophomore year in high school at Wynne, Arkansas.

PERSONAL: Born Heath Hutchins, 3/6/88 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hutchins ... Also a competition duck caller and outdoors photographer.





61 Gabe JACKSON

OL • 6-4 • 305 • RFr. • RS • Liberty, Miss. (Amite County)

CAREER: Still awaiting first chance to help on the playing field ... Redshirted during his true freshman season on campus ... Highly-recruited lineman from the Mississippi prep ranks.

2009: Redshirted his true freshman year.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Ranked as the No. 52 offensive tackle prospect in the country by recruiting web site Scout.com . . . Considered the third-best offensive lineman in Mississippi by Scout.com, which credits him with a 5.1-second time in the 40-yard dash . . . Rivals.com has him ranked as the No. 85 offensive tackle prospect in the nation . . . That site also has him ranked as the No. 28 prospect in the state of Mississippi, the fourth-best offensive lineman on the chart . . . Rated with the top 40 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season . . . Has started both ways at tackle since his freshman season . . . Other top scholarship offers: LSU, Auburn, and Ole Miss . . . Solid 2.8 grade point average in the high school classroom . . . Committed to MSU in July 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Gabriel C. Jackson, 7-12-91 . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson . . . His father was his high school coach.

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65 Josh JACKSON

DL • 6-2 • 300 • So. • 1L • Canton, Miss. (Canton)

CAREER: Has played in six games for the Bulldog defense and has made one tackle ... Rated among the top defensive tackle prospects in the country coming out of high school.

2009: Saw only playing time in season-ending Egg Bowl victory ... Excelled at times as a member of the scout team defensive front.

2008: Played in five games as a true freshman, making one tackle on the season ... Saw action against Southeastern Louisiana in Week 2, at Georgia Tech in Week 4, and in the season's final three games at Alabama, vs. Arkansas, and at Ole Miss ... Made his lone tackle against the Crimson Tide.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 25 defensive tackle in the nation by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site tabbed him as the 11th-best player, regardless of position, in the state of Mississippi ... Listed as the No. 42 defensive tackle prospect in the U.S. by ESPN.com in its post-season ranking ... Rated the No. 55 defensive tackle in the country by recruiting website Scout.com ... He topped all defensive tackles at the New Orleans Scout.com combine by running a 5.12 in the 40-yard dash ... Also credited with a 335-pound bench press maximum by recruiting website Rivals.com ... Rated No. 14 on *SuperPrep's* post-season All-America listing of the state of Mississippi's top players ... Rated among the top 25 recruits in the state of Mississippi by the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Played defensive end and defensive tackle for four seasons for head coach James Davis at Canton (Miss.) High School ... Made 102 tackles, including 15 quarterback sacks, during his senior season ... Also forced a pair of fumbles ... Led Class 4A in quarterback sacks during his junior season with 14 ... Also had 84 total tackles, leading the Tigers to a post-season playoff berth ... An honor roll student on the high school level ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in May 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Joshua Kenoriss Jackson, 2-12-90, in Jackson, Miss... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson.



60 Devin JONES

DL • 6-0 • 270 • So. • 1L • Olive Branch, Miss. (DeSoto Central)

CAREER: Expected to compete for playing time along the defensive front in 2010 ... Earned playing time in 12 games during his redshirt freshman season ... Came to State as a highly regarded defensive end candidate.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season ... Saw time on special teams and along the defensive line ... Served on the punt coverage team ... Tallied 14 tackles with 3.5 tackles for loss on the year ... Posted a season-high three tackles against Houston ... Recorded his first career sack against Middle Tennessee ... Credited with 1.5 sacks against Kentucky.

2008: Sat out his true freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 62 defensive end prospect in the country by ESPN.com in its post-season listing ... Rated the No. 70 defensive end prospect in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Credited with running a 4.63 in the 40-yard dash and with a 300-pound bench press maximum by Rivals ... Rated No. 17 on *SuperPrep's* post-season All-America listing of the state of Mississippi's top players ... Rated among the top 25 recruits in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season for head coach Chris Purnell at DeSoto Central High School ... Suffered a knee injury during spring practice following his junior campaign and sat out his entire senior season for the Jaguars ... Won the state Class 4A Power Lifting championship in the 242-pound division during his junior and senior seasons in high school ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in July 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Devin Chrishawn Jones, 7-7-90, in Memphis, Tenn... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Threatt.





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Jamie JONES

LB • 6-0 • 240 • Jr. • 2L • Springdale, Ark. (Springdale)

CAREER: Has played in 23 games for Mississippi State after sitting out his true freshman season as a redshirt ... Has made one start as a linebacker, but been a valuable special teams member ... Came to MSU following a standout career as a linebacker and running back at Springdale (Ark.) High School.

2009: Saw playing time in 11 games, mainly on special teams ... Only missed the Houston contest due to injury ... Credited with six tackles on the season ... Recorded a pair of stops against both Jackson State and Vanderbilt ... Also picked up a fumble in each of those two contests.

2008: Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season at linebacker and on special teams, making one start ... Earned a starting call in Week 2 win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Recorded 10 tackles, including one-half tackle for loss (minus 1 yard) ... Made one tackle, a half-tackle for loss (minus 1 yard), in Mississippi State's season opener at Louisiana Tech ... Rose to the starting call at middle linebacker for the team's Week 2 game vs. Southeastern Louisiana when a leg injury ended Jamar Chaney's season ... Had one hit against the Lions in his first career start in State's home-opener ... Added another one week later in State's SEC opener vs. Auburn ... Had one more stop in Week 4 at Georgia Tech ... Returned to the stats column with another hit in his team's homecoming win over Middle Tennessee ... Was back in the stats column for the final two weeks of the season ... Had one hit in Week 11 against Arkansas and produced a season-best four tackles at Ole Miss in the season finale.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 42 strong side linebacker in the country by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Ranked with the top 40 linebackers in the southeast in the 2007 Rivals recruiting yearbook ... Ranked among the top 50 linebackers in the Southeast by PrepStar recruiting magazine in its season-ending yearbook, one of just two linebackers

listed from the state of Arkansas ... That publication ranked him among the top 15 players in the state ... Also listed No. 15 in the state of Arkansas by SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine in its season-ending All-America issue, the state's top-ranked linebacker ... Credited with a 310-pound bench press max by SuperPrep ... Ran a 4.58 40-yard dash at the Austin Scout.com camp prior to his senior season ... Played both tailback and linebacker for head coach Kevin Johnson at Springdale (Ark.) High School ... Rushed for more than 800 yards and made 70 tackles during an illness-plagued senior season for the Bulldogs ... Also had a pair of interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown ... Made 80 tackles, including seven quarterback sacks, during his junior season for the Bulldogs, helping lead the team to a 14-0 overall record and a state title ... That team was ranked second nationally by USA Today ... Transferred to Springdale from Conway (Ark.) High School, where he played as a sophomore ... Also an all-state track performer ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss, Kentucky, Kansas State and Kansas ... Committed to MSU in January 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Jamie Durell Jones, 2-8-89, in Springdale, Ark... . Son of Mr. Cleophus Jones and Ms. Sarah Jones ... Cousins Terrell Fletcher (San Diego Chargers), Bryan Fletcher (Indianapolis Colts), and Greg Lasker (New York Giants) all play in the National Football League.



15 Maurice LANGSTON

DB • 5-10 • 180 • Sr. • 1L • Meridian, Miss. (East Central [Miss.] CC)

CAREER: Listed as a potential starter in 2010 ... Emerged as a top cornerback during his first season on campus ... Came to Mississippi State after a standout career at East Central Mississippi CC.

2009: Career got off to a slow start as he didn't appear in a

game until Week 4 ... Played the final eight games of the season ... Earned five starts in the second half of the season ... Credited with 18 total tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss ... Posted season-high five tackle outings against Florida and Alabama ... Posted a tackle for loss against both Middle Tennessee and Alabama.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Listed No. 24 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top junior college prospects in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Named first-team all-Region XXIII and first-team, all-state by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges as a wide receiver for head coach Steve Cheatam at East Central (Miss.) Community College ... Also named first-team, all-Region as a return specialist ... Rated #3 on the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* list of the state's top junior college prospects following his sophomore season ... Led the nation in touchdowns, scoring 21 as a sophomore as both a kick returner and wide receiver ... Caught 44 passes for 658 yards, a 15-yard average, and seven touchdowns ... Also rushed 54 times for 267 yards and 10 more TDs ... Averaged 31 yards per punt return during his sophomore campaign for the Warriors, leading the nation in that category, and scoring two touchdowns ... Added 22 yards per kickoff return and another score ... Credited with running a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Committed to MSU in December 2008 ... Other top scholarship offer: Kentucky.

ARKANSAS STATE: Redshirted his true freshman season as a defensive back.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season of high school ... Two-way starter at quarterback and defensive back for head coach Steve Nelson at Northeast Lauderdale in Meridian ... Threw for 1,765 yards and 17 touchdowns on 108-of-175 passing (.617) while rushing 182 times for 1,179 yards (6.5 yard average) and another 15 touchdowns ... Returned punts 77 and 71 yards for touchdowns ... Averaged 25 yards per punt return and 27 yards per kick return ... Tossed just four interceptions as a senior, earning first-team all-state recognition ... Timed at 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash ...

Ran 10.7 seconds in the 100-meter dash and qualified for the state meet in the triple jump while helping to break the school record in the 4x400 relay (3:32) ... Nominated for the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year ... Helped guide team to a 7-4 record and a spot in the Class 4A playoffs ... Named an all-state pick by the Mississippi Association of Coaches and by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* ... Tabbed all-area by the *Meridian Star* ... As a junior passed for 1,200 yards and rushed for just over 1,000 and 12 touchdowns for the Trojans ... Also a standout basketball player on the high school level, averaging over 20 points per game ... Honor student on the high school level.

PERSONAL: Born Maurice Sanchez Langston, 4/26/88, in Meridian, Miss. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Houston.





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Addison LAWRENCE

OL • 6-4 • 300 • Jr. • 2L • Coldwater, Miss. (Magnolia Heights)

CAREER: Enters the fall expected to return to his starting role at right tackle ... Has played in 22 games for Mississippi State on both special teams and along the offensive line... Made the move from high school tight end to the offensive line at State and redshirted his first season on campus ... Was all-state at tight end in the Mississippi Private School Association.

2009: Earned a starting role at right tackle in all 12 games ... Helped the Bulldog offense lead the SEC and finish ninth nationally in rushing offense, averaging more than 227 yards per game ... The offensive line created room for the offense to increase yards-per-game by nearly 100 yards from the previous season ... The o-line also allowed 16 fewer sacks in 2009 ... Played every snap in 10 games ... Helped pave the way for running back Anthony Dixon to set a new school record with 1,391 yards on the year ... Also cleared the path for the offense to eclipse the 300 rushing yard mark four times, including rushing 55 times for 327 yards at Arkansas and 59 times for 317 yards in the season-ending win over Ole Miss.

2008: Played in 10 games for Mississippi State during his first season of eligibility ... Saw his first collegiate action during Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Was on the field for nine offensive plays against the Lions ... Played on special teams through his redshirt freshman season.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 78 tight end prospect in the country by ESPN.com following his senior season ... Ranked among the top 25 players in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season, one of the top seven offensive linemen in the state ... Listed as the No. 25 prospect in the state by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 28 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by *SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine* and its season-ending All-America issue, the top-rated tight end on the list ... Named first-team, all-state at tight end by the Mississippi Private School Association Football Committee ... Credited with running a 5.0 40-yard dash at the Scout.com combine in Tuscaloosa, Ala... . Ran a 4.37 shuttle time at the Clemson NIKE Training Camp, the fastest among all tight ends ... He also pressed 185 pounds 17 times, the third-best total on the bench in his classification ... Had a 28-inch vertical leap at that Scout camp ... Started on both sides of the football and served as the Chief's long snapper during his high school career for head coach Cliff Young at Magnolia Heights in Senatobia, Miss... . Had 11 catches for 225 yards, a 20.5-yard average, and five touchdowns during his senior campaign ... Made 10 catches for 190 yards and a score as a sophomore ... As an outstanding track and field athlete, he won the state discus competition as a sophomore and junior ... Outstanding student in the classroom with a 3.5 grade point average ... Committed to MSU in June 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Carl Addison Lawrence, 1-14-89, in Memphis, Tenn... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lawrence.

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Cameron LAWRENCE

LB • 6-2 • 225 • So. • 1L • Coldwater, Miss. (Magnolia Heights)

**CAREER:**

Versatile athlete could help at several different positions in 2010 ... Has played quarterback, receiver, safety and linebacker during first year of career at Mississippi State ... Participated in 2009 spring

drills at State following a star-studded high school career on both sides of the ball.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season ... Totaled 14 tackles on the year, seeing time mainly on the kick coverage units ... Posted a pair of tackles three times, including the season-opener against Jackson State ... Also credited with two stops against Auburn and Kentucky ... Closed out the season with a career-best four tackles in the Egg Bowl victory.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named second-team, all-state in all classifications at linebacker by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... That newspaper listed him among their Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state ... Credited with running a 4.66 40-yard dash at the New Orleans Scout.com combine prior to his junior season ... Also credited with a 265-pound bench press by Scout.com ... Selected to the Mississippi Association of Private Schools all-star team following his senior campaign and captained the North squad ... Helped lead coach Cliff Young's Magnolia Heights' team to a 22-2 record during his final two seasons of football, playing both quarterback and defensive back ... Accounted for 1,854 yards during his junior season and scored 26 touchdowns as a quarterback on offense ... Also amassed 138 tackles and four pass interceptions while playing defense ... Named all-state by the Mississippi Private School Association following that junior campaign ... Helped Magnolia Heights win a state title during his sophomore season ... Also ran track for the Chiefs, finishing second in the state in the 300 meter hurdles ... Helped lead the school's baseball team to a state runner-up finish as a sophomore ... Outstanding student in the high school classroom with a 3.7 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Oklahoma State and Duke ... Committed to MSU in March 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Cameron Aaron Lawrence, 1/20/91, in Altus, Okla. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lawrence ... His brother Addison also plays for the Bulldogs.





66 D.J. LOONEY

OL • 6-1 • 300 • Jr. • 2L • Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)

CAREER: Has seen playing time in seven games during his Mississippi State career, earning one starting call at the center position ... Standout center in the state of Alabama, he redshirted his first season in Starkville.

2009: Saw playing time in three games during his sophomore season ... Earned snaps in the season opener against Jackson State and again in Week 10 against Alabama ... Entered the game on a key drive in Mississippi State's Egg Bowl victory.

2008: Played in four games during the season, earning one starting assignment ... Was on the field for seven perfect snaps at Louisiana Tech in the team's season opener ... Returned to the playing field a week later in the Bulldogs' home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana with 17 more snaps ... Earned his first collegiate start at Alabama in Week 10 ... Played all 57 offensive snaps against the Crimson Tide, recording a 63 percent blocking grade ... Saw action in the season finale at Ole Miss.

2007: Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 11 offensive center prospect in the nation by ESPN.com ... Ranked as the No. 19 prep center in the country by the Rivals.com recruiting web site ... Named first-team, all-state in the Class 6A division and first-team all-metro in Birmingham by the *Birmingham News* on the offensive line ... Ranked No. 31 in the state of Alabama, regardless of position, in *SuperPrep Magazine's* season-ending All-America issue ... Three-year starter for head coach Jerry Hood at Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham, Ala. ... Ran a 4.84 shuttle time at the Tuscaloosa Scout.com combine, the sixth-fastest among all defensive tackles ... His 8.4-second clocking in the three-cone run was the fourth-best time at that camp, while his 7-8 in the broad jump was the sixth-longest ... Earned honorable mention all-state recognition as a junior for the Eagles ... Played in the state of Alabama Junior All-Star game ... Was also the top-rated heavyweight wrestler in the state of Alabama ... Other top scholarship offer: Alabama ... Committed to MSU in June 2006.

PERSONAL: Born David DeWayne Looney, 12-26-88, in Chattanooga, Tenn. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Looney.





96 Shane McCARDELL

DL • 6-5 • 245 • So. • 1L • Beaumont, Texas (West Brook)

CAREER: Speedy defensive end is still looking for his first real opportunity to help the Mississippi State football program on the game field ... Has seen action in nine games, mainly on special teams ... Despite limited high school experience, developed into an

outstanding pass rusher on the prep level.

2009: Saw playing time in nine games during his redshirt freshman season ... Played mainly on kick coverage units ... Recorded one tackle in victory over Vanderbilt ... Credited with one quarterback hurry against Houston.

2008: Sat out his first year at State as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Only played high school football during his junior and senior seasons for head coach Craig Stump at West Brook High School in Beaumont, Texas ... Credited with running a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash and with a 39 inch vertical jump by his high school coach... Started all nine games in which he saw action during his senior season ... Made 33 tackles, including five and one-half for loss (minus 46 yards), three and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 31 yards) ... Forced a pair of fumbles and had one pass deflection during that senior campaign ... Started five times in the 12 games he played as a junior ... Had 18 tackles, including 12 for loss (minus 55 yards), seven of which were QB sacks (minus 38 yards) ... Also recovered a fumble in his junior season, his first year playing football on the high school level ... Also an outstanding basketball player and track athlete, who ran the anchor leg of his high school team's mile relay ... Class 5A regional qualifier as a junior in the 400 meters for the Bruins ... Other top scholarship offers: Texas, Arkansas, Baylor and Boise State ... Committed to MSU in January 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Shane Anthony McCardell, 1-16-90, in Beaumont, Texas ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel McCardell.





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Johnathan McKENZIE

DL • 6-6 • 265 • RFr. • RS • Starkville, Miss. (Starkville Academy)

CAREER: Enters the fall as the top reserve at defensive end behind Pernell McPhee ... Natural talent still awaiting his first opportunity to help the Bulldogs on the playing field ... Local product played in high school at Starkville Academy.

2009: Redshirted his first season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named first-team, all-state in all classifications at tight end by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper ... Rated with the top 40 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Chosen first-team, all-state by the Mississippi Private Schools Association ... Named to the MPSA All-Star game as a senior ... Was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the North squad in that game ... Credited with running a 4.9 in the 40-yard dash by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also credits him with a 315-pound bench press ... Two-way player who also starred at defensive end for head coach Brian Sims at Starkville (Miss.) Academy ... Had 27 pass receptions for 473 yards, a 17.5-yard average, and six touchdowns during his senior campaign ... Had 13 quarterback sacks while playing defense ... Also an all-state performer on the Starkville Academy basketball team ... Outstanding student in the high school class room with a perfect 4.0 grade point average ... Committed to Mississippi State in December 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Johnathan Tyler McKenzie, 5-24-90 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McKenzie ... His father lettered in football at Mississippi State from 1974-77.



72 John McMILLAN

OL • 6-1 • 290 • Sr. • 1L • Paragould, Ark. (Paragould)

CAREER: Former walk-on that has earned a scholarship in the Bulldog football program ... Earned playing time on special teams in all 12 games last season ... Reserve offensive lineman came to Mississippi State from the Arkansas prep ranks.

2006: Redshirted his freshman season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Brian Carter at Paragould High School ... Three year letter winner for the Rams ... Helped Paragould advance to the Arkansas State Playoffs each of his first two seasons ... Earned all-conference and all-state honors following his senior season ... Received offers from a pair of Division II schools.

PERSONAL: Son of Walter and Vicki McMillan ... Born 8-13-88 in Paragould, Ark.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his junior season ... Saw action mainly as a member of the special teams units ... Saw action as a reserve along the offensive line.

2008: Served as a member of the scout team along the offensive line ... Did not see any playing time during his sophomore season.

2007: Did not play during his redshirt freshman season.





January 2009 ... Highly decorated and highly recruited junior college defensive lineman.

2009: Earned All-SEC honors from both the league's coaches and the Associated Press ... Twice earned SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors ... Finished the year tied for sixth in the conference with 12.0 tackles for loss ... Posted 56 total tackles, one of the highest totals in the league for defensive linemen ... Also recorded a team-leading 5.0 sacks ... Posted five tackles with a quarterback hurry against Auburn ... Had a career day against Georgia Tech, tallying 11 stops, 3.5 tackles for loss and one sack ... Also forced a fumble against the Yellow Jackets ... Posted seven tackles with three tackles for loss against Arkansas ... Closed the season with five tackles and a quarterback hurry that forced and interception in the Egg Bowl victory.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Two-time junior college all-America who led the state's junior colleges in quarterback sacks as both a freshman and sophomore, totaling 33 sacks during his junior college career ... Earned first-team junior college all-America recognition by the National Junior College Athletic Association following a star-studded sophomore season for head coach Jeff Terrill at Itawamba (Miss.) Community College ... Two-time all-state and all-Region XXIII player ... Named first-team, All-Region XXIII at defensive end ... Totaled a nation-leading 13.5 quarterback sacks during that sophomore season and 23.5 tackles for loss ... Named first-team, pre-season junior college all-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association and J.C. Gridwire Magazine prior to his sophomore campaign ... Earned second-team all-America by the NJCAA and J.C. Gridwire following his freshman season at ICC ... Totaled 67 tackles that season and led the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges with 19.5 quarterback sacks during that first season ... Also had 37 tackles for loss ... Other top scholarship offers: Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas State and West Virginia ... Committed to MSU in July 2008.

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Pernell McPHEE

DL • 6-4 • 285 • Sr. • 1L • Pahoee, FL (Itawamba [Miss.] CC)

CAREER: All-America candidate entering his senior season ... Emerged as a team leader along the defensive line during his first season on campus ... Earned All-Southeastern Conference honors during his junior year ... Joined the Mississippi State football program in

HIGH SCHOOL: Only played one year of high school football ... Starred on both sides of the football for head coach Leroy Foster at Pahoee (Fla.) High School ... Played offensive tackle and defensive end for the Muckers ... Registered 75 total tackles, including 35 tackles for loss and 19 quarterback sacks during his senior season ... Also forced 12 fumbles ... Helped lead Pahoee to a 14-0 record and the Florida State Class 2B Championship ... Named all-state following that season ... Also a two-year starter in basketball on the prep level ... Other top scholarship offers: South Florida and Central Florida ... Signed with Southern Mississippi out of high school.

PERSONAL: Born Pernell McPhee, 12/17/88 ... Grandson of Ms. Lela Osborne.





74 Mark MELICHAR

OL • 6-5 • 300 • Sr. • 3L • Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)

CAREER: Earned playing time in 22 games during his career at Mississippi State ... Enters the fall as the top reserve at right guard, but has experience playing all along the offensive front ... Redshirted his true freshman season at State following an all-star high school

his first career start ... Scored a 75 percent blocking grade in Ruston, his first collegiate start ... Was on the field for 46 offensive snaps one week later in the Bulldogs' home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana.

2007: Played in eight games for Mississippi State as a reserve at offensive tackle ... Saw action in the first two weeks of the season, against Gardner-Webb in Week 4, in Weeks 6 through 9, and at Arkansas in Week 11 ... Listed as the top back-up at left offensive tackle coming out of pre-season camp ... Was on the field for 12 offensive snaps as a reserve against LSU in the season opener, and turned in an 81 percent blocking grade against the Tigers ... Played 13 snaps in a reserve role one week later in the team's win over Tulane at the Superdome ... Was on the field for two perfect plays in the Bulldogs' Week 4 win over Gardner-Webb ... Had a knockdown block against the Runnin' Bulldogs ... Added two more perfect snaps two weeks later in the team's win over UAB ... Totaled six more perfect snaps with a knockdown block against Tennessee in Week 7 ... Was on the field for seven plays a week later at West Virginia, recording six plus plays for an 85 percent grade ... Added six late-game snaps in State's 31-14 win over nationally No. 14-ranked Kentucky ... Returned to the playing field for three snaps at Arkansas in Week 11.

2006: Sat out his first season at State as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated with the top 60 offensive linemen in the Southeast by *Prep Star Magazine* in its season-ending issue ... Named to the *Birmingham News* all-state and all-metro teams following his senior season ... Named honorable mention all-state by the Alabama Sports Writers Association ... Named to the *Birmingham News* Super Seniors team ... Credited with a 325-pound bench press max and with running a 5.2 in the 40-yard dash by the Rivals.com recruiting website ... Two-year starter on the offensive line for head coach Jerry Hood at Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham, Ala... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game and nominated for the Alabama North/South all-star game ... Graded out at an 85 percent clip during his junior and senior seasons for the Eagles ... Had 112 pancake blocks as a senior, helping lead Oak Mountain to a 10-4 overall record ... Named honorable mention all-metro by the *Birmingham News* as a junior ... Outstanding high school student with a 3.3 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offer: Vanderbilt ... Committed to Mississippi State in August 2005.

PERSONAL: Born Mark William Melichar, 1-28-88, in Jackson, Miss... Son off Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Melichar ... Major is undeclared.

career in the state of Alabama.

2009: Played in all 12 games during his junior season ... Saw action both as a reserve on the offensive line and on special teams.

2008: Started the first two games of the season ... Played all but nine snaps (65 of 74) in Mississippi State's season opener at Louisiana Tech,



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Charles MITCHELL

DB • 5-11 • 205 • Jr. • 1L • Clarksdale, Miss. (Clarksdale)



Mississippi State defensive backfield as a true freshman ... Also a standout special teams player ... Was named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Mississippi following his high school career in Clarksdale.

2009: Started all 12 games at safety during his sophomore year ... Posted 65 tackles with one and a half tackles for loss ... Tied for second on the team with four interceptions ... Also credited with a pair of pass breakups and one forced fumble ... Posted a career-high nine tackles against Georgia Tech ... Intercepted a Case Keenum pass and returned it 71 yards for a touchdown against Houston ... Picked off two passes in the season ending victory over Ole Miss.

2008: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season for the Bulldogs ... Voted to the Freshman All-SEC team by the league's coaches ... Recorded 31 tackles and a pass deflection as a top reserve and special teams player ... Made at least one tackle in 10 of the 12 games, and nine straight to finish the season ... Tied for the team lead with five tackles in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Returned to the stats column with one hit at Georgia Tech in Week 4 ... Had three tackles at LSU in Week 5 ... Matched that total with three tackles in the Bulldogs' mid-season win over Vanderbilt ... Again made three hits at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Made two tackles in his team's homecoming victory over Middle Tennessee ... Added another hit in Week 9 game with Kentucky ... Matched his season high with five tackles at Alabama one week later ... Had four tackles and a pass deflection in the Bulldogs' Week 11 win over Arkansas ... Added four more hits in the season finale at Ole Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Mississippi this past season ... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season ... Led the Mississippi team to victory by pacing the defense in tackles (nine) and recording an interception in the all-star classic ... Chosen to the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being one of the top 12 prospects in the state of Mississippi ... He was rated No. 4 on that newspaper's list of state's top high school recruits ...

Selected first-team, all-state in the defensive backfield by the *Clarion-Ledger* ... Named as one of the top 250 players in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com, he is that web site's 10th-ranked safety prospect nationally ... Rivals rated him the fifth-best prospect in Mississippi, the top-rated defensive back ... That site timed him a 4.58 in the 40-yard dash and with a 245-pound bench press max ... Ranked as the No. 22 safety in the nation by recruiting web site Scout.com, he is that site's No. 8 prospect overall in the state of Mississippi, the top-rated defensive back ... Credited with running a 4.56 40-yard dash and a 37-inch vertical jump by Scout at its New Orleans camp prior to his senior season ... *SuperPrep* rated him the No. 25 defensive backfield prospect in the country in its season-ending All-America issue ... That publication ranked him the No. 6 prospect in the state of Mississippi, the second-rated defensive back ... Two-way standout performer for head coach Jim Hughes at Clarksdale (Miss.) High School ... Starred as both a running back and defensive back for the Wildcats ... Made 78 tackles, four of which were quarterback sacks, and two pass interceptions in leading Clarksdale to the second round of the state playoffs as a senior ... Offensively, he rushed 80 times for 520 yards and nine touchdowns, and caught 14 passes for 200 yards and another score ... Named second-team, all-state in the secondary by the *Clarion-Ledger* as a junior when he led Clarksdale to the state semifinals ... Made 108 tackles and had three interceptions that season, while rushing for 1,151 yards and 12 touchdowns on offense ... Three-year starter on the prep level ... Solid student in the high school classroom with a 2.80 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Nebraska, Michigan, Alabama, and Ole Miss.

PERSONAL: Born Charles D. Mitchell, 9-13-89 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mitchell.





69 Reggie ODOM

DL • 6-0 • 295 • Sr. • 1L • Deland, Fla. (Deland)

CAREER: Has played in a 12 career games as a reserve on the defensive line and on special teams for Mississippi State ... Redshirted his true freshman season ... Highly recruited defensive lineman out of the Florida prep ranks.

scholarship offers: South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and Louisville ... Committed to Mississippi State in January 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Reggie Maurice Odom, 10-6-87, in Pensacola, Fla... Son of Mr. Reginald Odom and Ms. Lawanda Odom ... His father lettered in football at Southern Mississippi from 1974-77 ... Major is undeclared.

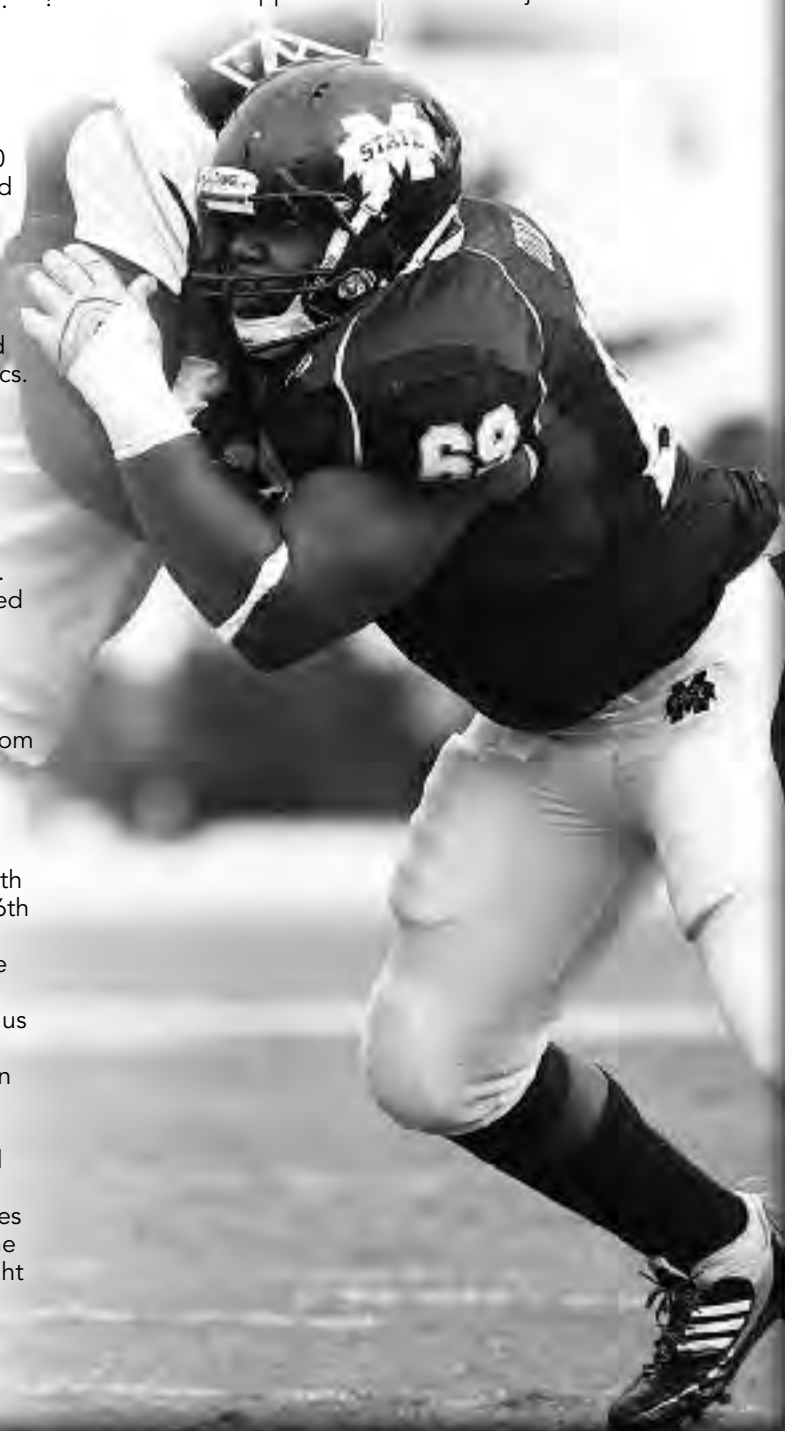
2009: Played in 10 games serving mainly on special teams and seeing limited action as a reserve defensive lineman ... Vocal leader of punt protection unit ... Recorded a pair of tackles in the season-opening win over Jackson State.

2008: Saw action in two games during his sophomore season, playing in Week 2 vs. Southeastern Louisiana and at Georgia Tech two weeks later ... Did not record statistics.

2007: Did not see game action as a redshirt freshman.

2006: Sat out the season as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 77 high school prospect, regardless of position, in the country by ESPN.com ... Selected to play in the CaliFlorida Bowl, the California vs. Florida All-Star game following his senior season ... Helped lead the Florida team to a 20-0 win over the California squad with a pass interception behind the line of scrimmage ... Rated the 37th-best defensive tackle in the nation by the Scout.com recruiting website ... Ranked as the No. 65 defensive tackle in the country by the Rivals.com recruiting website following his senior season ... Listed among the top 20 defensive linemen in the Southeast by *Prep Star* in its postseason magazine ... Rated the No. 34 player, regardless of position, in the state of Florida, the sixth-best defensive tackle by that website ... Credited with a 320-pound bench press max by Rivals ... Was ranked 26th nationally among defensive tackles prior to his senior campaign by that site ... Ranked with the top 50 offensive and defensive linemen in the SEC region by the *G&W Recruiting Magazine* ... The recruiting website *floridakids.us* ranked him the No. 20 prospect in Florida prior to his senior season, the second-best defensive line prospect on the list ... Standout four-year starter for head coach Dean Fabrizio at Class 6A Deland (Fla.) High School ... Helped lead the Bulldogs to a 7-3 record as a senior ... Recorded 78 total tackles, seven tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks ... Also credited with two forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries ... Also selected to play in the Central Florida All-Star game ... Made 50 tackles with eight quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries during an injury-reduced junior season ... Outstanding high school student with a 3.5-plus grade point average ... Other top





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LaDarius PERKINS

RB • 5-10 • 190 • RFr. • RS • Greenville, Miss. (St. Joseph)

CAREER: Skilled runner that is expected to compete for playing time in 2010 ... Redshirted his first season on campus ... Came to Mississippi State after highly decorated football and track career in Alabama.

2009: Sat out his

true freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game ... Ranked as the No. 37 all-purpose back in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also has him listed as the No. 24 prospect in Mississippi following his senior season ... Rivals credits him with a 4.4-second time in the 40-yard dash and with a 330-pound bench press ... Rated as the

No. 77 running back in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Named second-team, all-state in all classifications at running back by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper ... Earned first-team, all-state in Class 1A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Rushed 139 times for 1,915 yards, an amazing 13.8-yard per carry average, and 29 touchdowns, during his senior season ... Added another 400 yards receiving and five more scores for head coach Phillip Wasson at Greenville St. Joseph High School ... Rated with the top 25 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... He led St. Joseph to an 8-4 record and into the second round of the state playoffs during his junior season ... Made 38 tackles and four pass interceptions while playing defense ... Also a standout in track, he is the Class 1A defending state champion in both the 100 and 200 meters ... In the 100 meters, he ran a 10.9, breaking a state record that had stood for 30 years ... Other top scholarship offers: Auburn and BYU ... Committed to Mississippi State in January 2009.

PERSONAL: Born LaDarius Robert Perkins, 9-18-90 ... Son of Mr. Robert Perkins and Mrs. Vanessa Perkins.





91 Rodney PRINCE

DL • 6-1 • 280 • Sr. • 1L • Irondale, Ala. (Shades Valley)

CAREER: Has played in six games for Mississippi State after redshirting his true freshman season ... Has made one hit in limited back-up work and special teams activity ... Came to Starkville as a highly respected defensive end prospect in the Alabama high school ranks.

2009: Played in only the season opener against Jackson State.

2008: Did not see action during his sophomore season.

2007: Played in five games for the Bulldogs in his redshirt freshman campaign ... Saw action in five of the season's first six weeks, missing only against Tulane in Week 2 during that stretch ... Entered the stats column for the first time in his career in Week 6 win over UAB ... Made one tackle, a half tackle for loss, in the 30-13 win over the Blazers.

2006: Sat out the season as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 26 weakside defensive end in the country by the Rivals.com recruiting website ... Rated with the top 70 defensive linemen in the Southeast by *Prep Star Magazine* in its season-ending issue ... Was 23rd on that site's list of the top 40 players in the state of Alabama, the third-best defensive end ... Credited with running a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash and a 300-pound bench press max at the Rivals.com Georgia junior day... Jumped 34 inches in the vertical leap, according to Rivals ... Rated No. 25 in the state of Alabama by AuburnSports.com ... Ranked the No. 30 player in the state of Alabama by *SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine* in its preseason edition ... Registered 335 career tackles with 27 quarterback sacks during his prep career ... Also managed 15 pass deflections and nine fumble recoveries during his four seasons ... Offensively, he had 22 pass receptions during his career as a tight end ... Made more than 100 tackles with 12 quarterback sacks during his senior season for head coach Mark Rice at Shades Valley (Ala.) High School ... Also credited with eight pass deflections and four fumble recoveries ... Tallied 120 total tackles with 10 quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries during his junior season for the Mounties . . . Other top scholarship offers: Arkansas and Clemson ... Committed to Mississippi State in September 2005.

PERSONAL: Born Rodney Lamar Prince, 11-27-86, in Birmingham, Ala... . Son of Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Prince ... Majoring in general business administration.



14 Chris Relf

QB • 6-4 • 240 • Jr. • 1L • Montgomery, Ala. (Carver)



CAREER: The most experienced quarterback on the Mississippi State roster ... Impressed coaches and onlookers with improvement during 2010 spring practice ... Has played in 12 games including significant action in 10 games in 2009

... Played in a pair of games as a redshirt freshman and spent his true freshman season as the scout team quarterback ... Was a highly regarded two-year starting quarterback in the Alabama prep ranks before joining the MSU program.

2009: Played in 10 games and finished the season as the Bulldogs' second-leading rusher ... Completed 22-of-41 passes for 283 yards and a team-leading five touchdowns ... Rushed 76 times for 500 yards and a pair of scores ... Opened the season with a stellar outing as he completed 7-of-10 passes with three touchdowns and rushed for 82 yards and another score against Jackson State ... Rushed for 52 yards on just seven carries at Auburn ... Carried nine times for 44 yards in win at Vanderbilt ... Saw limited action until rushing for 12 times for 68 yards at Arkansas ... Also completed four of seven passes against the Razorbacks ... Emerged again as a playmaker in season finale against Ole Miss ... Ran 15 times for 131 yards and a score against the Rebels ... Completed three passes on the day, two of which went for touchdowns.

2008: Played two games as a reserve quarterback during his redshirt freshman season ... Saw action in the home opener vs. Southeastern Louisiana and the season finale against Ole Miss ... Completed two-of-nine passes for 13 yards in limited duty ... Saw his first collegiate action in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Rushed once (4 yards) and threw one incomplete pass against the Lions ... Completed two-of-eight passes for 13 yards in the season finale against Ole Miss.

2007: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked No. 29, regardless of position, in the state of Alabama in *SuperPrep Magazine's* season-ending list of the top prospects in the state ... Was the second-best quarterback on that list ... Credited with running a 4.8 in the 40-yard dash by the Rivals.com recruiting web site ... Selected the second-best quarterback at the Scout.com combine at Tuscaloosa, Ala., following his junior season ... Played for head coach Larry Ware at Carver High School in Montgomery, Ala ... Threw

for more than 1,500 yards in a ground-oriented offense during his junior season in high school for the Wolverines ... Committed to MSU in May 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Christopher L. Relf, 5-26-89, in Montgomery, Ala... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Relf ... His father played football at Miles College and his brother Eric currently plays football at Alcorn (Miss.) State University.





17 Tyler RUSSELL

QB • 6-5 • 225 • RFr. • RS • Meridian, Miss. (Meridian)

CAREER: Highly touted prospect still awaiting his first game experience ... Enters the fall in the mix for the starting quarterback position ... One of the most heavily recruited quarterbacks to attend Mississippi State.

to the state semifinals as a junior ... Led head coach Larry Weems' Meridian (Miss.) High School team to the Class 5A state championship during his sophomore season and to the state title game during an 11-3 junior campaign ... Outstanding student on the high school level with a 3.3 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Alabama and South Carolina ... Committed to MSU in April 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Tyler Ryan Russell, 12-6-90 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Russell.

2009: Redshirted his true freshman season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the Parade Magazine All-America team following his senior season ... Ranked as the No. 12 pro-style quarterback in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also has him rated as the No. 8 prospect in the state of Mississippi, the top-rated quarterback ... Rated the No. 13 quarterback prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Listed No. 15 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top quarterbacks in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Named Mr. Football for the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following a banner season ... Also selected the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Mississippi ... Ranked No. 1 on the *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the 10 most wanted high school prospects in the state of Mississippi ... Named first-team, all-state at quarterback in all classifications by that newspaper ... Led Meridian High School to the Class 5A state championship as a senior ... Completed 206-of-314 passes (.656) for 3,284 yards, 40 touchdowns and just five interceptions ... Led his high school team to the Class 5A state championship to culminate his senior season ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season ... Selected to the *G&W Recruiting Report's* Pre-season Top 250 prospects nationally, one of the top 30 quarterbacks on the list ... Selected to the *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen prior to his senior campaign, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state of Mississippi ... Named second-team, all-state by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his junior season ... Completed 146-of-274 passes (.533) for 2,481 yards, 26 touchdowns and just eight interceptions during an injury-plagued junior season for the Wildcats ... Also rushed for 514 yards and five TDs as a junior ... Helped that team





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Ricco SANDERS

WR • 5-11 • 195 • RFr. • RS • Duncan, S.C. (Byrnes)

CAREER: Still awaiting his first opportunity to help on the playing field ... Came to Mississippi State from the South Carolina prep ranks.

2009: Redshirted his first season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 51 wide receiver prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site has him

listed as the No. 19 prospect in the state, regardless of position, the second-best wide receiver ... Rivals credits him with a 4.4 timing in the 40-yard dash ... Ranked as the No. 88 wide receiver prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Called the No. 2 wide receiver prospect in the state of South Carolina by that web site ... Selected to the *Mobile Press Register's* Super Southeast 120 ... Helped lead Byrnes to the Class 4A state title following his senior season ... Caught 42 passes for 765 yards, an 18.2-yard per catch average, and six touchdowns during his senior season for head coach Chris Miller at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C. ... Helped lead the Rebels to the South Carolina state title as a junior, catching seven passes for 89 yards in the championship game ... Caught 58 passes for 908 yards, a 15.6-yard average, and 13 touchdowns for the year ... Other top scholarship offers: Florida, Georgia, Auburn, Clemson, Florida State and Kansas ... Committed to Mississippi State in February 2009.

PERSONAL: Born Ricco Sanders, 3-15-91 ... Son of Mrs. Jackie Sanders.



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Quentin SAULSBERRY

OL • 6-2 • 305 • Jr. • 2L • Coldwater, Miss. (Independence)

CAREER: One of the young leaders on the talented offensive line ... One of four returning starters along the front ... Started each of the last 24 games for the Bulldogs ... Started all 12 games at left guard after being pressed into service as Mississippi State's starting right offensive

tackle after just one redshirt season ... Highly regarded two-way lineman in the Mississippi high school ranks who concentrated on the defensive side once he arrived in Starkville, but made the switch to offense during his redshirt season.

2009: Started all 12 games at left guard ... Helped the Bulldog offense lead the SEC and finish ninth nationally in rushing offense, averaging more than 227 yards per game ... The offensive line created room for the offense to increase yards-per-game by nearly 100 yards from the previous season ... The o-line also allowed 16 fewer sacks in 2009 ... Played every snap in 10 games ... Helped pave the way for running back Anthony Dixon to set a new school record with 1,391 yards on the year ... Also cleared the path for the offense to eclipse the 300 rushing yard mark four times, including rushing 55 times for 327 yards at Arkansas and 59 times for 317 yards in the season-ending win over Ole Miss.

2008: Started all 12 games of the year at right tackle ... Won the first start of his collegiate career in his first game of eligibility on the offensive line ... Played all 74 offensive snaps, a team high, during that first start, turning in a 79 percent blocking grade ... For the second-straight week, saw the most action of any Bulldog offensive lineman in Week 2 home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Tallied an 82 percent blocking mark against the Lions ... Was on the field for all 61 offensive snaps vs. Auburn in the SEC opener ... Was on the field for all 87 offensive snaps at Georgia Tech one week later ... Scored a 78 percent blocking mark in Atlanta ... Was on the field for all 59 offensive snaps in Week 5 at LSU ... Tallied a 75 percent blocking ratio ... Played all 73 offensive plays in the Bulldogs' 17-14 win over Vanderbilt at mid-season ... Tallied a 74 percent blocking grade against the Commodores ... Went all 63 offensive snaps in Week 7 at Tennessee, recording a 72 percent blocking mark ... Went all 64 offensive snaps and graded out at an 84 percent mark against Middle Tennessee at homecoming ... Played all 57 snaps at Alabama in Week 10, scoring a 70 percent blocking mark ... Was on the field all 76 offensive snaps in the team's Week 11 win over Arkansas, grading out at 86 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Started the season finale at right tackle for the Bulldogs.

2007: Sat out his true freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic ... Selected to play in the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl Game Classic all-star game at Shreveport, La., following his

senior season ... Rated the No. 36 offensive guard prospect in the country by ESPN.com ... Ranked among the top 60 offensive linemen in the Southeast by *PrepStar* recruiting magazine in its season-ending yearbook ... Rated as the No. 15 prospect in the state following his senior season by Rivals.com, the third-best offensive lineman ... Ranked among the top 25 players in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season, one of the top seven offensive linemen in the state ... Named first-team, all-state in all classifications by the *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper on the offensive line following his senior season ... Earned first-team, all-state mention in Class 3A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at offensive guard ... Helped lead his prep team to the post-season playoffs all four seasons as a regular ... Graded out at 93 percent during his senior campaign for head coach Tim Nickens at Independence (Miss.) High School, recording 24 pancake blocks ... Ran a 5.15 40-yard dash at the Oxford Scout.com combine, the third-fastest time among linemen ... His nine-foot broad jump was the best in his group, while his 8.03-second time in the three-cone event was second best among his peers ... His 5.03-second short shuttle time tied for the third fastest at that camp, while his 26-foot vertical leap was third among linemen ... Credited with a 325-pound bench press max by the Rivals.com recruiting web site ... Started on both sides of the ball his freshman through junior season in high school for head coach Clay Stevens at Independence ... Registered 40 tackles during his sophomore season as a defensive tackle ... Also played basketball and ran track on the high school level ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in July 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Quentin Cortez Saulsberry, 10-14-88, in Memphis, Tenn. ... Son of Mr. Jesse Saulsberry and Ms. Pat Wilson.





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Derek SHERROD

OL • 6-6 • 305 • Sr. • 3L • Columbus, Miss. (Caledonia)

CAREER: All-American candidate headed into his senior season ... Heavily recruited high school lineman who broke into Mississippi State's rotation at the line of scrimmage as a true freshman ... Has played in 34 of a possible 37 games for the Bulldogs, missing time only due to injury ... All-America high school lineman from nearby Columbus, Miss.

2009: Started all 12 games at left tackle for the Bulldogs

... Helped pave the way for MSU to lead the SEC in rushing ... Graded out with a team-leading 91 percent with 11 knockdowns in the season-opening win over Jackson State ... Played 65 snaps in the game as the Bulldogs ran for 238 yards and a pair of touchdowns ... Played all 65 snaps at Auburn, posting an 83 grade with four knockdowns ... Again played every snap against Vanderbilt, grading out at 83 percent ... Had three knockdowns against the 'Dores ... State rushed for 260 yards in the game ... Led MSU linemen with a 90% grade against LSU ... Also recorded eight knockdowns ... Posted a 93 percent grade against Georgia Tech, playing every snap for the fourth straight game ... Recorded a team-leading four knockdowns as state ran for 209 ... Led the team with an 87 percent as State ran for 330 yards on 51 carries against Houston ... Also posted seven knockdowns ... Played in every snap for the sixth straight game as State ran for 178 yards and three scores against Middle Tennessee ... Recorded a team-high 81 percent blocking grade against Florida ... Graded out at a season high of 93 percent against Kentucky with 10 knockdowns as he helped pave the way for Anthony Dixon to run for 252 yards and State to rush for 348 and three touchdowns ... Posted an 80 percent grade with a pair of knockdowns as Mississippi State rushed for 114 yards against Alabama, becoming only the second team to eclipse the 100-yard mark against the Tide this season ... Recorded a 85 blocking grade against Arkansas as State rushed for 327 yards, the most by a Bulldog team since 2004 ... Played every snap in the season-ending win in the Egg Bowl as State again eclipsed the 300 yard rushing mark

2008: Played in 11 games, starting 10 times at left tackle ... Did not play in the season opener at Louisiana Tech due to injury, and did not start Week 2 ... After missing that opener, he hit the playing field for the first time in his sophomore season in the Bulldogs' home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Only played 18 snaps as he returned to game action ... Was on the field for every snap (61 plays) one week later in the Bulldogs' SEC opener against Auburn ... Was on the field for all 87 offensive plays at Georgia Tech one week later ... His 81 percent blocking grade was second-best on the team and his eight knockdown blocks led the club ... Was on the field for all 59 offensive snaps in Week 5 at LSU ... Turned in a team-best 92 percent blocking grade against the Tigers ... Again played every snap during the team's mid-season win over Vanderbilt ... Scored a 77 percent blocking mark with five knockdown blocks against the previously undefeated Commodores ... Posted an 81 percent blocking mark, second-best on the team, at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Was on the field for all 63 plays against the Volunteers ... Went all 64 offensive snaps and graded out at an 87 percent mark against Middle Tennessee at homecoming ... Played the entire game (57 snaps) in Week 10 at Alabama, tallying a 79 percent mark ... Was on the field for all 76 offensive snaps in the team's win over Arkansas one week later ... Posted a team-best 89 percent blocking mark with five knockdowns against the Razorbacks ... Started at left tackle in the season finale at Ole Miss.

2007: Played in all but two games (11 of 13) during regular season in his freshman season at Mississippi State ... Failed to see game action only in the season opener against LSU and in Week 5 at South Carolina ... Saw the first playing time of his collegiate career in Week 2 against Tulane in the Superdome ... Was on the field for 33 of a possible 85 offensive snaps against the Green Wave and was second on the team with four knockdown blocks ... Helped MSU rush for 266 yards on 54 carries, a 4.9-yard per carry average, against Tulane ... Participated in 10 plays during State's Week 3 win at Auburn ... Graded out at a

77 percent clip against the Tigers ... Was on the field for eight plays in Mississippi State's 31-15 victory over Gardner-Webb in Week 4 ... Scored a 75 percent blocking grade against the Runnin' Bulldogs ... Played 14 snaps in the team's Week 6 win over UAB ... Graded out at an 85 percent clip against the Blazers ... Was on the field for nearly half of all plays (32 of 73) one week later against Tennessee ... Tallied a team-best 89 percent blocking grade against the Volunteers ... Was on the field more than half the time (40 of 74 plays) at West Virginia in Week 8 ... Saw action on 26 offensive snaps at Kentucky in Week 9 ... Tied for the team high with an 88 percent blocking grade against the nationally ranked Wildcats with five pancake blocks ... Went nearly half the way (31 of 66 plays) in MState's Week 10 victory over nationally No. 21-ranked Alabama ... Scored an 80 percent blocking grade with three pancake blocks against the Crimson Tide ... Played 32 snaps (out of 85) at Arkansas in Week 11, with a team-best and season-high 93 percent blocking mark ... Played 24 snaps in the regular season-closing win over Ole Miss in the Battle For The Golden Egg ... Split time at right offensive tackle with J.D. Hamilton in the 2007 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic ... Selected to play in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl all-star game in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., following his senior season ... Rated the No. 26 offensive tackle prospect in the country by ESPN.com ... Ranked among the top 20 offensive linemen in the Southeast by PrepStar recruiting magazine in its season-ending yearbook ... Considered one of the top five prospects in the state by that publication ... Ranked No. 24 on the *Mobile Press Register's* Super Southern 120, the top-ranked offensive tackle on the list ... Named to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100, symbolic of being one of the top 100 players in the South ... One of just 16 offensive linemen so recognized ... Ranked as the No. 18 offensive tackle prospect in the country prior to his senior season by the Rivals.com recruiting web site, the No. 5 prospect in the Magnolia State according to that site ... Moved to No. 3 in the state on that site's post-season list, the top offensive lineman ... Ranked with the top 14 offensive linemen in the southeast in the 2007 Rivals recruiting yearbook ... Listed No. 2 on the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* ranking of the top 40 prospects in the state of Mississippi, the top-rated offensive lineman ... Rated the No. 5 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by *SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine*, the top-ranked offensive lineman ... That publication also had him ranked as the No. 35 offensive line prospect in the country ... Moved to No. 4 in that publication's season-ending all-America issue, the state's top-rated offensive lineman ... Named the Gatorade Mississippi Player of the Year for 2006 ... Named to the *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen prior to his senior season, symbolic of being ranked among the top 12 players in the state of Mississippi ... Named first-team, all-state on the offensive line in all classifications by that newspaper following his senior season ... Earned first-team, all-Southeast on the offensive line in the pre-season recruiting guide by Scout ... Ranked No. 38 overall in the southeast in that publication, the fourth-best offensive lineman listed ... Earned first-team, all-state mention in Class 3A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at offensive tackle ... Allowed just one quarterback sack during his senior season and was credited with 32 pancake blocks ... Also made 79 tackles on defense, with six quarterback sacks and four fumble recoveries ... He also blocked three kicks ... Credited with a 325-pound bench press max and a 30-inch vertical jump by recruiting web site Scout.com ... His 5.35-second 40-yard dash time was fourth-fastest among offensive linemen at the Starkville Scout.com combine in 2005 (as a high school sophomore) ... His 4.84-second run in the short shuttle and 8.16-second time in the three-cone run were the second fastest ... Four-year starter on the offensive line and three-year regular on the defensive side of the ball for head coaches David Boykin and Jack Hankins at Caledonia (Miss.) High School ... A three-time all-area selection by the *Columbus Commercial Dispatch*, including being named as both an offensive and defensive lineman his senior year ... Was also a two-time, Elite 11 selection by that newspaper, symbolic of being one of top 11 players in a 10 county area surrounding Columbus ... Named second-team, all-state following his junior season by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Recorded 93 tackles with four quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries during his junior season as defensive tackle for the Confederates ... Also played basketball on the high school level ... Outstanding high school student with a 3.5 grade point average ... Other top scholarship offers: Florida, Miami (Fla.), Notre Dame, Michigan, Louisville and Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in August 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Derek Lee Sherrod, 4-23-89, in Chula Vista, Calif. ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sherrod.

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William SHUMPERT

FB • 6-0 • 240 RFr. • RS • Fulton, Miss. (Itawamba Agricultural)



CAREER: Bruising fullback that enters the fall with an opportunity to become the starter ... Redshirted his freshman year on campus ... Came to Mississippi State after a standout two-way career in the Mississippi prep ranks.

2009: Did not play during his true freshman season as he redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Considered the No. 7 fullback prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also listed him as the No. 17 recruit in the state of Mississippi ... Ranked as the No. 14 fullback prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper in all classifications following his senior campaign ... Rated with the top 25 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season ... Two-way standout who starred at fullback and nose guard ... Made 96 tackles on the defensive line, he was credited with 31 tackles for loss, including 13.5 quarterback sacks ... Also rushed 56 times for 278 yards, nearly 5 yards per carry, with three touchdowns as a running back ... Added five pass receptions for 81 yards and another score ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season ... Rated the No. 13 high school fullback prospect in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Named the Defensive Player of the Year by the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal for his work on the defensive line for head coach Jamie Mitchell following his junior season ... Earned Division I-4A all-region by the Mississippi Association of Coaches following his junior season ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in July 2008.

PERSONAL: Born William Dake Shumpert, 12-4-89.



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Deontae SKINNER

LB • 6-2 • 235 • RFr. • RS • Macon, Miss. (Noxubee County)

CAREER: Talented linebacker should provide depth on both defense and special teams in 2010 ... Came to Mississippi State after playing prep football at nearby Noxubee County.

2009: Sat out the season as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 28 strong linebacker prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Listed as the No. 39 weak side linebacker in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also rates him the No. 19 player, regardless of position, in the state of Mississippi, the top-ranked linebacker on the chart ... Credited with a 305-pound bench press and running a 4.7 in the 40-yard dash by Rivals ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper in all classifications following his senior campaign ... Rated with the top 25 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season ... Played defensive end as a senior for head coach M.C. Miller at Noxubee County in Macon, Miss. ... Led his prep team to the Class 4A championship as a senior ... Made 134 total tackles, including 28 tackles for loss, 11 of which were quarterback sacks ... Also credited with two forced fumbles ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior season ... Helped lead Noxubee County to the state title game as a junior ... Made 122 total tackles, including five quarterback sacks, during his junior season at Noxubee County High School in Macon, Miss. ... Other top scholarship offer: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in July 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Deontae Skinner, 12-18-90 ... Grandson of Georgia Mae Skinner.

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WR • 6-2 • 210 • So. • 1L • Meridian, Miss. (Meridian)

CAREER: Talented receiver pressed into immediate service for the Bulldogs during his true freshman season ... Played in 10 games during his first year on campus ... Highly recruited athlete coming out of Meridian High School, where he played with fellow Mississippi State classmate Tyler Russell.

2009: Saw action in 10 games, earning two starts during his true freshman season ... Caught one pass for 13 yards in the season opener against Jackson State ... Hauled in one pass in back-to-back weeks against Georgia Tech and Houston ... Saw action on special teams throughout the season ... Recorded a pair of tackles in the season ending Egg Bowl victory.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated as the No. 31 wide receiver prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com, which included him among its top 250 players nationally ... That site also considers him the No. 7 high school student-athlete available in the state of Mississippi ... Listed No. 33 on *Super Prep Magazine's* ranking of the top wide receivers in the country in its post-season All-America issue ... Ranked as the No. 76 wide receiver prospect in the country by national recruiting web site

Scout.com ... Physical, strong receiver who is credited with a 225-pound bench press maximum by Scout ... Named first-team, all-state in all classifications at wide receiver by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Rated with the top 25 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Helped lead head coach Larry Weems' Meridian (Miss.) High School team to a 14-1 overall record and the Class 5A state title as a senior ... Caught 70 passes for 1,076 yards, a 15.4-yard average, and 10 touchdowns as a senior ... As a junior, he hauled in 54 passes for 876 yards, a 16.2-yard average per catch, and seven touchdowns ... Also played soccer, basketball and ran track on the high school level ... Committed to Mississippi State in April 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Christopher Ben Smith, 1-21-90 ... Son of Ms. Lisa Moore.





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Tobias SMITH

OL • 6-3 • 305 • So. • SQ • Columbus, Miss. (Columbus)

CAREER: Has played in three games during his still-young career ... Looking to remain injury free after a pair of August injuries have sidelined the youngster ... Slated to begin the season atop the depth chart at right guard ... Local high school product who impressed coaches upon his arrival on campus.

2009: Had season derailed with leg injury suffered in August ... Was working with the first team offense before the injury ... Still saw action in three games ... Played for the first time against Georgia Tech and saw action a week later against Houston ... Only other action of the season came against Alabama.

2008: Sat out his true freshman season after suffering a broken ankle during pre-season practice.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 34 offensive guard prospect in the country by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site has him listed as the No. 9 prospect, regardless of position, in the state of Mississippi, following his senior season ... He was the second-ranked offensive lineman on the chart, the top-rated offensive guard ... Credited with a 405-pound bench press max and a 32-inch vertical jump by Rivals ... He was rated No. 66 on Scout.com's post-season listing of the top offensive tackles in the nation ... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game ... Named first-team, all-state on the offensive line by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following a standout senior season for head coach Daryl Jones at Columbus (Miss.) High School ... Accomplished all that despite playing two games with a broken foot and missing four others ... Was a three-year starter on the offensive line for the Falcons ... Other top scholarship offer: Baylor ... Committed to MSU in January 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Tobias Antonio Smith, 9-16-89 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Smith.





42 Zach SMITH

DB • 5-11 • 195 • Sr. • 3L • Altoona, Ala. (Susan Moore)

CAREER: Veteran player enters senior season looking to provide depth and leadership to young group in defensive backfield ... Has played in 29 games for Mississippi State during his career, and has earned seven starting calls ... Pressed into immediate service in his true freshman season as a reserve in

the secondary and on special teams ... Came to the Bulldog football program after a scintillating high school career in the state of Alabama.

2009: Started each of the first five games before a season-ending injury ... Posted 26 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and a pair of forced fumbles during limited season ... Recorded a season-high eight tackles at Auburn in Week 2 ... Posted seven more stops with 1.5 TFLs at Vanderbilt the following week ... Credited with pass breakups against both the Commodores and LSU.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started twice during his sophomore season ... Started the season opener at Louisiana Tech and the Week 9 game vs. Kentucky ... Recorded 43 total tackles, including one-half tackle for loss (minus 2 yards) ... Also deflected a pass and recovered a fumble ... Earned his first collegiate start in Mississippi State's season opener at Louisiana Tech ... Turned in a solid all-around performance in that lidlifter ... Finished third on the club with seven tackles against LTU, including one-half tackle for loss (minus 2 yards) ... Also credited with a fumble recovery in Ruston ... Had three tackles in State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana ... Added another tackle two weeks later at Georgia Tech ... Was also credited with a 16-yard kickoff return, the first of his career ... Had a pair of tackles in the Bulldogs' mid-season win over Vanderbilt ... After making 13 tackles in the season's first six weeks (2.2 per game), he recorded 30 in the final six contests (5.0 per game) ... Registered the first double-digit tackle game of his career at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Had 11 hits against the Volunteers ... Made a pair of tackles and had a pass deflection in Week 9 against Kentucky ... Tied for third on the club with seven tackles one week later at Alabama ... Registered three tackles in the Bulldogs' Week 11 win over Arkansas ... Posted seven tackles in the season finale at Ole Miss.

2007: Played in 12 of a possible 13 games during his true freshman season for Mississippi State ... Only missed seeing action at West Virginia in Week 8 due to injury ... Valuable special teams player who had an outstanding pre-season camp, vaulting him into the top reserve role at safety to begin his college career ... Recorded one tackle against LSU to open the season ... Had two hits two weeks later in Mississippi State's victory over Auburn in Jordan-Hare Stadium ... Made three tackles vs. Gardner-Webb in the Bulldogs' 31-15 victory ... Had a season-best four tackles during the team's Week 6 victory over UAB ... Also credited with one pass deflection in the 30-13 win over the Blazers ... Missed State's Week 8 game at West Virginia with a quadriceps muscle strain ... Returned

to the stats sheet one week later in the Bulldogs' 31-14 win over nationally No. 14 Kentucky ... Had one hit against the Wildcats in Lexington ... Registered three tackles in State's Week 10 victory over nationally No. 21-ranked Alabama ... Added one tackle a week later at Arkansas ... Had a pair of tackles and a pass broken up in State's regular season-concluding win over Ole Miss in the Battle For The Golden Egg ... Matched his season high with four tackles in the Bulldogs' 10-3 win over Central Florida in the 2007 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named Most Valuable Player of the North team in the Alabama High School Athletic Association All-Star Game in December 2005, a contest for the state of Alabama's top juniors ... Completed 10-of-19 passes for 85 yards and added 60 more yards rushing in that game ... Credited with running a 4.52-second 40-yard dash at the Tuscaloosa Scout.com combine prior to his senior campaign ... Holds the state of Alabama total offense record with more than 10,000 yards ... Started every year since his freshman season through the end of his prep career for head coach Tim Gillespie at Susan Moore High School in Blountsville, Ala., throwing for more than 6,000 yards ... Led Susan Moore to a 29-8 record the final three seasons ... Selected as a finalist for the state of Alabama Wendy's High School Heisman, given annually to the state's top football player ... Led his team to a 12-2 record as a senior and into the state semifinals ... Named the Alabama Class 3A state Back of the Year following his senior campaign ... Selected first-team, all-state as a senior, he completed 215-of-341 passes for 3,000 yards and 34 touchdowns ... Also rushed 189 times for 1,501 yards and 23 more scores ... Also had 81 tackles and recorded five interceptions as a free safety on defense ... Selected first-team, all-state when he passed for 2,450 yards and 18 touchdowns, and rushed for 950 more and 12 scores during his junior season ... Invited to participate in the U.S. Army and Scout.com Combine for juniors ... Also attended the Elite 11 Camp for quarterbacks following his junior season ... Completed 106-of-193 passes, a 55 percent completion rate, for 1,854 yards with 24 touchdowns and just one interception during his sophomore campaign ... Also rushed 115 times for 600 yards and 11 scores that year ... Outstanding student (3.8 GPA) in the classroom ... Committed to MSU in November 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Zachary Alan Smith, 11-9-88, in Birmingham, Ala... Son of Mr. Alan Smith and Ms. Diana Whatley ... His brother Curt Smith plays football at Samford.





54 Trevor STIGERS

DL • 6-5 • 260 • So. • 1L • Ridgeland, Miss. (Ridgeland)

CAREER: Looking to find playing time along the defensive front in 2010 ... Played in six games during his redshirt freshman season ... Season was cut short due to injury ... Came to the Bulldogs after a standout high school career in the state of Mississippi.

2009: Played in six games on special teams and along the defensive line ... Season was derailed by injury midway through the season ... Finished the year with three total tackles ... Posted a single stop against Jackson State, Houston and Middle Tennessee.

2008: Sat out his first year on campus as a true freshman redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 51 defensive end in the country by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Ranked the No. 29 weak side defensive end in the nation by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also considered him the No. 14 prospect in Mississippi overall, the state's second-best defensive end ... Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama High School all-star game as a defensive end, where he registered six tackles and one quarterback sack ... Rated No. 9 in the state of Mississippi's Ten Most Wanted recruits by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Rated No. 13 on SuperPrep's post-season All-America listing of the state of Mississippi's top players, the state's top true defensive end prospect ... Credited with running a 4.87 in the 40-yard dash and with a 270-pound bench press max by Rivals ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... That newspaper named him its Metro Jackson Player of the Year ... Made 84 tackles for head coach Kenny Burton's Ridgeland (Miss.) High School team during his senior season ... Had 11.5 quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and four pass deflections during that senior campaign ... Recorded 109 tackles and 14 quarterback sacks during his junior season for the Titans ... Named second-team, all-state that season by the *Clarion-Ledger* ... Head coach Kenny Burton ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in October 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Trevor Trent Stigers, 9-18-89, in Crawford, Miss... . Son of Mr. Ricky Butler and Mrs. Bettie Butler.



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Baker SWEDENBURG

P • 6-0 • 190 • RFr. • RS • Columbus, Miss. (Heritage Academy)



CAREER: Awaiting his first chance to help the Bulldogs on the playing field ... Enjoyed a phenomenal 2010 spring practice ... Enrolled at Mississippi State full-time in January 2009 and participated in spring practice ... Outstanding local kicker and punter in the Mississippi private school ranks.

2009: Sat out his true freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Max Emfinger High School All-America Bowl Game following his senior season ... Was ranked the No. 3 punter in the country in March 2007 by the Ray Guy ProKicker.com web site ... Considered the No. 7 kicker nationally by ESPN.com in its post-season listing ... Rated No. 9 nationally as a punter by Scout.com ... Rated No. 24 on recruiting web site Rivals.com ranking of the nation's top punters and place-kickers ... Rated among the top 40 recruits in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... That newspaper selected him second-team, all-state punter following his senior season for head coach Herbert Davis at Heritage Academy in Columbus, Miss... . Selected to the *Columbus Commercial Dispatch* Dandy Dozen, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the Columbus area prior to his senior season ... Punted 46 times for a 42-yard average as a junior for the Patriots ... Had a season-long 67-yard boot ... Named first-team, all-state by the Mississippi Private Schools Association and first-team North AAA All-Conference following both his junior and senior seasons ... Punted for Heritage Academy when the team finished second in the state during his sophomore campaign ... Also a standout baseball player on the high school level ... Solid student in the high school classroom with a 3.00 grade point average ... Committed to MSU in July 2007.

PERSONAL: Born Michael Baker Swedenburg, 8-19-89, in Jackson, Miss... . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swedenburg.





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Dennis THAMES

DB • 5-11 • 190 • RFr. • RS • Louisville, Miss. (Louisville)

CAREER: Talented athlete that can play multiple positions for the Bulldogs ... Began his career at wideout and switched to the defensive backfield in the spring of 2010 ... Still awaiting his first opportunity to help Mississippi State on the field.

2009: Redshirted his first season on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL: Considered the No. 20 "athlete" in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site also has him ranked as the No. 10 prospect in the state of Mississippi, the top "athlete" on the chart ... Rated as the No. 40 safety prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com ... Credited with a 230-pound bench press by Rivals ... Named first-team, all-state in the defensive backfield by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper ... Ranked No. 9 on the *Clarion-Ledger's* list of the 10 most wanted high school prospects in the state of Mississippi ... Picked to that publication's Dandy Dozen, symbolic of being one of the top 12 players in the state prior to his senior season ... Chosen to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game ... Helped lead head coach Brad Peterson's Louisville (Miss.) High School to the Class 3A state championship during his senior season ... Named the game's Most Valuable Player after scoring all three touchdowns for the Wildcats ... A star on both sides of the football, he accounted for 1,600 yards on offense and 19 touchdowns, playing mostly wide receiver ... Had 677 yards rushing and eight touchdowns and another 532 yards and eight more scores ... Defensively, he made 97 tackles with five pass interceptions and four defensive TDs ... As a junior, had 39 catches for 636 yards, a 16.3-yard average, and eight touchdowns ... Other top scholarship offers: Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee, Arkansas, Ole Miss, and Michigan ... Committed to Mississippi State in January 2009.

PERSONAL: Born Dennis (Duh-NYE-us) Deunta Thames (TIMMS), 5-18-90 ... His uncle Marcus Thames is a Major League Baseball player with the Detroit Tigers.



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20 Louis WATSON

DB • 5-11 • 180 • So. • 1L • Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)



CAREER: Enters the fall as a top reserve in the defensive backfield ... Played in nine games as a redshirt freshman, and earned one start ... Came to Starkville as a standout defensive back in the Alabama prep ranks.

2009: Saw action in nine games as a redshirt freshman, earning one starting call ... Posted

three tackles in the season-opener against Jackson State ... Earned a start and recorded one stop against Georgia Tech ... Saw extensive duty on coverage teams throughout the year.

2008: Redshirted his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama High School All-Star game, but sat out the contest due to injury ... Named first-team, Class 5A all-state at defensive back by the Alabama Sports Writers Association ... Credited with running a 4.47 in the 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Scout.com ... Recruiting web site Rivals.com credits him with a 4.53 time in the 40 and with a 250-pound bench press max ... Rated No. 33 on *SuperPrep's* post-season All-America listing of the state of Alabama's top players, the state's top cornerback prospect ... Helped coach Mike Bates' St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Ala., to the Class 5A state championship during his senior season ... Registered 65 tackles and six interceptions during his senior campaign for the Saints ... Offensively, made 13 pass receptions for 333 yards, a 26-yard average, and two touchdowns ... Also helped St. Paul's Episcopal to a pair of state quarterfinal appearances during his sophomore and junior seasons ... Recorded 43 tackles and six pass interceptions as a junior defensive back as well ... Had eight catches for 166 yards, a 20.8-yard average, and three touchdowns during his junior season as a wide receiver ... Also returned one kickoff for a touchdown that season ... Outstanding track sprinter on the high school level, leading his prep team to back-to-back state titles in his sophomore and junior seasons ... He won individual state championships in the 400 meters (sophomore and junior years) and 55 meter dashes (junior year) ... Other top scholarship offers: Colorado, Louisville and Purdue ... Committed to MSU in January 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Louis Teddy Watson II, 1-23-90, in Mobile, Ala... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Watson ... His father played football at Mississippi Valley State and in the National Football League with the Cleveland Browns.





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Sam WATTS

OL • 6-4 • 305 • RFr. • RS • Conyers, Ga. (Salem)

CAREER: Still awaiting first opportunity to help the Bulldogs on the playing field ... Graduated from high school one semester early and joined the Mississippi State football program in January 2009 ... Solid two-way lineman from the highly regarded Georgia prep ranks.

2009: Sat out his freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played four years of varsity football at Salem High School in Conyers, Ga., starting the final three seasons of his career on the offensive line for head coach Chad Estes ... Played offensive guard as a freshman, offensive tackle as sophomore, and center the final two seasons ... Named all-state during his senior season ... Helped lead Salem to a pair of regional championships and nine-win seasons as a freshman and junior ... Outstanding student in the high school classroom with a 3.96 grade point average, 12th in his senior class ... Committed to MSU in February 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Samuel Alton Watts, 10/10/90, in Starkville, Miss... . Son of Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Watts, who are Mississippi State University graduates.





82 Thomas WEBB

TE • 6-5 • 255 • Sr. • 1L • Starkville, Miss. (Southern Mississippi)

CAREER: Steady blocker that provides depth at the tight end position and on special teams ... Saw action in 10 games during his junior season ... Came to Mississippi State after beginning his collegiate career at Southern Miss.

2009: Played in 10 games during his junior year ... Saw action mainly on special teams,

serving on the field goal and extra point units.

2008: Sat out the season in accordance with NCAA transfer rules.

COLLEGE: Did not see any playing time during his first two seasons at Southern Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year letterwinner for Head Coach Bill Lee at Starkville High ... Finished with 84 tackles, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, four tackles for loss, 10 sacks and three pass breakups ... Also returned a fumble 60 yards for a touchdown ... Had two catches for 37 yards ... Played in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game ... Named team captain ... Honored as the Best Defensive Lineman ... An all-region selection ... A Second-Team All-State selection by The *Clarion-Ledger* ... Two-year starter ... Named to The *Clarion-Ledger's* Top 40 ... Holds a 3.2 GPA ... Team finished the season 7-4 with a first round appearance in the playoffs as a senior ... Team had a 5-5 mark in his junior year ... Posted 56 tackles and five sacks as a junior ... A two-star rating by rivals.com and Scout.com ... Also lettered three years in baseball, earning all-region and all-area honors.

PERSONAL: Son of Jody and Deree Webb ... Born 10-19-87.



50 Chris WHITE

LB • 6-4 • 245 • Sr. • 1L • Vancleave, Miss. (Miss. Gulf Coast CC)



CAREER: Had an immediate impact as he started all 12 games for the Bulldogs in his first season on campus ... Finished the year third on the team with 75 tackles from his outside linebacker spot ... Made the switch this spring to his natural middle linebacker position ... Enrolled at Mississippi State in January 2009 ... Outstanding junior college linebacker from the Mississippi JUCO system.

2009: Earned starts in all 12 games during his first season on campus ... Finished the year with 75 total tackles, four tackles for loss and three pass breakups ... Posted a career-high nine stops against Houston ...

Recorded eight tackles against both Kentucky and Alabama ... Posted seven stops against Middle Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt ... Also credited with two tackles for loss against the Blue Raiders.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Named first-team all-America and first-team all-Region XXIII by the National Junior College Athletic Association following his sophomore season ... Selected the Mississippi Most Valuable Player in the inaugural Mississippi Bowl, which pitted Mississippi Gulf Coast against Georgia Military Institute, two of the premier junior college programs in the country ... In addition to being a stalwart on defense for MGCCC in that game, he caught a touchdown pass as a blocking back in a short yardage situation ... Led his junior college team to back-to-back state junior college championships, making 204 total tackles ... Had four pass interceptions and four fumble recoveries, returning three for touchdown ... Helped head coach Steve Campbell's Gulf Coast team to a 10-2 record and to a No.4 finish in the final NJCAA poll ... Recorded more than 100 tackles on the season for the Bulldogs ... Picked up a fumble and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown against Pearl River Community College in the state title game ... Returned another fumble 81 yards for a score ... Also intercepted two passes ... Named first-team pre-season all-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association prior to his sophomore season for head coach Steve Campbell's Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College team ... Led MGCCC to the junior college national championship, playing middle linebacker, during his freshman season ... Totaled 87 tackles for the Bulldogs that year, earning second-team all-state recognition ... Also had a pair of interceptions and scored two touchdowns ... Credited with running a 4.52-second 40-yard dash by recruiting web site ESPN.com ... Other top scholarship offer: South Florida ... Committed to MSU in August 2008.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama High School All-Star game following his senior prep season ... Started for four years for head coach Jim Bloomfield at Vancleave (Miss.) High School ... Made 267 total tackles during his high school career, with 20 tackles for loss, 13.5 of which were quarterback sacks ... Had eight fumble recoveries and a pair of pass interceptions, one he returned for touchdown ... Helped guide the Bulldogs into the first round of the state playoffs his final three seasons ... Selected Region 7 most valuable player following his senior campaign ... Also rushed for 604 yards and 10 touchdowns on offense ... Named both the team's offensive and defensive most valuable player as a senior ...

PERSONAL: Born Christopher Andrew White, 1/15/89, in Mobile, Ala... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Myrick.





58 Brandon WILSON

ATH • 6-0 • 245 • So. • SQ • Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Northridge)

Career: Emerged as a surprising talent among the linebackers during his first season on campus ... Initially walked on to the Mississippi State football team ... Came to Starkville after playing prep ball in the Tuscaloosa, Ala., area.

2009: Played in six games during his redshirt freshman season ... Recorded five tackles on the year ... Posted at least one stop in each of the Bulldogs' first four games ... Recorded a pair of tackles at Auburn ... Credited with a pass breakup in the season-opener against Jackson State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Michael Smith at Northridge High School ... Played in Region 5 of Alabama's 6A top classification ... Invited to participate in the NIKE Combine in Atlanta prior to his senior season ... Also participated in the Athens NIKE Training Camp ... Rated as a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... Received interest from both Troy and UAB.

PERSONAL: Born April 23, 1990.





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Nickoe WHITLEY

DB • 6-0 • 200 • RFr. • RS • Jackson, Miss. (Provine)

CAREER: Talented youngster could compete for a starting job in 2010 ... Redshirted his true freshman season on campus ... Came to Mississippi State after a standout high school career in the Jackson Metro Area.

2009: Sat out his true freshman season as a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 80 safety prospect in the country by national recruiting web site Scout.com, in part because he missed most of his senior season with an injury ... Suffered both a torn anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligament in his knee two games into his final high school campaign ... Considered the No. 74

"athlete" in the country by national recruiting web site Rivals.com ... That site rated him the No. 22 prospect in the state of Mississippi ... Rated with the top 25 high school prospects in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* following his senior season ... Credited with running a 4.6-second, 40-yard dash by recruiting web site Rivals.com ... Standout two-way player in the Jackson high school prep ranks, he started at quarterback and defensive back during his high school career for head coach Willie Collins at Provine High School in Jackson ... Had accounted for four touchdowns offensively and returned a fumble 55 yards for a score defensively before his senior injury ... Rushed and passed for 1,701 yards during his junior season while on offense ... Made 40 tackles with five interceptions as a junior on defense ... Began his high school career at Murrah High School in Jackson, Miss. ... Other top scholarship offers: Ole Miss ... Committed to MSU in June 2008.

PERSONAL: Born Nickoe E. Whitley, 10-2-90 ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nickoe Whitley.





34 K.J. WRIGHT

LB • 6-4 • 250 • Sr. • 3L • Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)

CAREER: Enters his senior season as the leader of the Bulldog defense ... Has played in 34 consecutive games, initially as a reserve in the linebacker corps and a special teams contributor, but then as a fixture in the linebacker corps ... Joined the Bulldog program as a standout multi-sport athlete from the Mississippi high school ranks.

2009: Started 10 games and played in all 12 during his junior season ... Only left out of the opening lineup due to formation adjustments ... Finished the season with 82 total tackles, second most on the team ... Recorded 6.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks ... Filled the stat sheet with Four quarterback hurries, two pass breakups, a pair of forced fumbles and one fumble recovery ... Opened the season with a tackle for loss, sack and forced fumble against Jackson State ... Posted double-digit tackles three times on the year ... Recorded a season-high 12 stops against Georgia Tech, 11 against Vanderbilt and 10 against Kentucky ... Also recorded a sack against Florida ... Closed the season with seven tackles, one-half for loss, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry in Egg Bowl victory.

2008: Started all 12 games during his sophomore season at one outside linebacker position ... Finished second on the club with 72 total tackles, recording at least two hits in every game during the year ... Led the team with nine tackles for loss (minus 55 yards), a team-best four of which were quarterback sacks (minus 41 yards) ... Credited with a tackle for loss in eight contests ... Also deflected three passes and forced one fumble ... Made six tackles, including a team-best two tackles for loss (minus 4 yards) at Louisiana Tech in the season opener, his first career start ... Also credited with one pass deflection in Ruston ... Had two tackles in Mississippi State's home-opening win over Southeastern Louisiana, one a 10-yard quarterback sack ... Also swatted away one pass at the line of scrimmage against the Lions ... Recorded three tackles, including one half for loss (minus 1 yard), in State's SEC opener vs. Auburn ... After making 11 tackles in the season's first three games (3.7 per game), he totaled 61 over the final nine games (6.8 per game) ... Tied for the team lead with six hits at Georgia Tech one week later ... Registered a team-best one and one-half tackles for loss (minus 7 yards) against the Ramblin' Wreck ... Recorded the first double-digit tackle game of his career at LSU in Week 5 ... Made 10 hits, including a 15-yard quarterback sack, against the Tigers ... Was also credited with a forced fumble in Baton Rouge ... Tied for third on the team with four tackles during the Bulldogs' mid-season victory over Vanderbilt ... Registered two tackles and a pass deflection at Tennessee in Week 7 ... Made seven tackles, including a half tackle for loss (minus 1 yard), in his team's homecoming victory over Middle Tennessee ... Tied for second on the club with seven tackles against Kentucky in Week 9 ... Finished second on the team with eight hits at Alabama one week later ... Posted nine tackles, including two quarterback sacks (minus 16 yards), in the Bulldogs' Week 11 win over Arkansas ... He became the first Bulldog to record a pair of sacks in a game in 15 games (Avery Hannibal vs. Kentucky 2007) and the first MSU linebacker to turn that trick since

Clarence McDougal had two against Ole Miss in 2005 ... Added eight more hits in the season finale at Ole Miss, a total that includes a half-tackle for loss (minus 1 yard).

2007: Played in 10 straight games during his freshman season, from Week 4 through the end of the season (includes the bowl game) ... Recorded seven tackles and recovered one fumble during his first season at State ... Made one tackle vs. UAB at mid-season ... Added two hits one week later against Tennessee ... Recovered a fumble at UK on special teams ... Matched his season best with two tackles at Arkansas in Week 11 ... Made two more a week later in the Bulldogs' 17-14 win over Ole Miss in the Battle For The Golden Egg.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic ... Listed as the No. 19 prospect in the state following his senior season by Rivals.com, the second-best outside linebacker in their ranking ... Rated the No. 22 prospect in the state of Mississippi, regardless of position, by SuperPrep Recruiting Magazine, the fourth-best defensive end in the list ... Moved to 21st in that publication's season-ending All-America issue ... Ranked among the top 25 players in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season ... Named first-team, all-state on the defensive line by the Clarion-Ledger in all classifications following his senior season for head coach Scott Samsel at Olive Branch (Miss.) High School ... Also earned first-team, all-state mention by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at outside linebacker in Class 5A ... Made 91 total tackles during that senior season for the Conquistadors, including 48 solos ... Recorded 13 quarterback sacks and a pass interception as well ... Helped Olive Branch to a 12-2 overall record as a senior ... Ran a 4.69 40-yard dash at the Oxford Scout.com combine prior to his senior season ... Recorded 50 tackles and six sacks during his junior campaign ... Also a standout for an undefeated basketball team as a senior ... Solid student in the classroom on the prep level ... Other top scholarship offers: Auburn, Arkansas, Ole Miss and South Carolina ... Committed to MSU in December 2006.

PERSONAL: Born Kenneth Bernard Wright Jr., 7-23-89, in Memphis, Tenn... Son of Mr. Kenneth Wright Sr., and Ms. Jacquelyn Wright.





2010 MISSISSIPPI STATE FOOTBALL SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Vick Ballard*	RB	5-11	210	Pascagoula, Miss.	Miss. Gulf Coast CC
Ferlando Bohanna	LB	6-0	230	Memphis, Tenn.	Whitehaven
James Carmon*	DL	6-7	360	Baltimore, Md.	Miss. Gulf Coast CC
Michael Carr	ATH	6-1	195	West Point, Miss.	West Point
Blaine Clausell*	OL	6-7	310	Mobile, Ala.	Baker
Paul Crawford	DL	6-8	235	Lewisville, Texas	Hebron
Dillon Day	OL	6-4	260	West Monroe, La.	West Monroe
Kaleb Eulls	DL	6-4	255	Yazoo City, Miss.	Yazoo County
Dylan Favre	QB	5-11	190	Bay St. Louis, Miss.	St. Stanislaus
Nick Griffin	RB	5-11	195	New Augusta, Miss.	Perry Central
Corvell Harrison-Gay	LB/DE	6-3	220	Laurel, Miss.	Northeast Jones
Brandon Hill	ATH	6-2	210	Crawford, Miss.	West Lowndes
Christian Holmes	DB	6-2	235	Puckett, Miss.	Puckett
Jeff Howie	DL	6-4	330	Medina, Pa.	Itawamba CC
Chris Hughes	DB	6-0	215	Mobile, Ala.	Davidson
Jay Hughes	ATH	5-11	175	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Oak Grove
Malcolm Johnson	WR	6-2	205	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Northridge
Robert Johnson	WR	6-0	195	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Oak Grove
Eric Lawson	OL	6-6	320	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
Jeremy Lee	ATH	5-10	170	Utica, Miss.	Hinds AHS
Jameon Lewis	ATH	5-9	175	Tylertown, Miss.	Tylertown
Jamerson Love	DB	5-11	175	Aberdeen, Miss.	Aberdeen
Archie Muniz	OL	6-5	255	Houston, Texas	Cypress Creek
Damien Robinson	OL	6-8	330	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
Curtis Virges	DL	6-3	290	West Point, Miss.	West Point
Matthew Wells	ATH	6-0	190	Monticello, Miss.	Lawrence County

*Enrolled at Mississippi State in January 2010 and participated in spring practice



Ferlando BOHANNA

LB, 6-0, 230, Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 7 prospect in the state of Tennessee regardless of position by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 15th best middle linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com ... Rated a three-star prospect ... Led Coach Rodney Saulsberry's team to a 10-3 record and a trip to the third round of the state playoffs in 2009 ... Named the District 16-AAA defensive player of the year and made the Nashville Tennessean's 2009 Dream Team of the state's top 25 players ... He was credited with 85 total tackles as a senior ... Also had 13 hits for losses with three sacks and three forced fumbles ... Finished his junior season with 75 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, three fumbles recovered, two sacks, one fumble caused and one interception ... Participated in the Junior U.S. Army All-American Combine in San Antonio ... Committed to Mississippi State in November over Clemson, Middle Tennessee, North Carolina and Southern Miss.

PERSONAL: Born September 2, 1991 ... Son of Chris and Chaquana Bohanna.





Michael CARR

ATH, 6-1, 195, West Point, Miss. (West Point)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 5 prospect in the state regardless of position by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 23rd best athlete in the nation by ESPN ... Received a four-star listing from both ESPN and Rivals ... Named the 8th most-wanted recruit in the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* top 40 ... Named to the *Clarion-Ledger's* first team all-state offense for all classifications at wide receiver ... Also named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches' 5A All-State first team ... Led Coach Chris Chambless' Green Wave to a 14-1 record and 5A state championship ... In state championship game, Carr scored on a 64-yard reception and a 78-yard kickoff return ... He finished the contest with four catches for 128 yards ... Finished his senior campaign with 38 catches for 832 yards and 16 total touchdowns ... Defensively he intercepted one pass and had a 35 yard return ... Also returned 15 punts for 415 yards with a longest return of 84 yards ... Chosen to the Mississippi High School All-Star Game he caught four passes for 53 yards ... He was a preseason *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen selection ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi ... Committed in February of his junior year.

PERSONAL: Born Michael Christopher Carr on October 29, 1990 ... Son of Fluid Carr, Jr. and Ferecia Carr.



Paul CRAWFORD

DL, 6-8, 235, Lewisville, Texas (Hebron)

HIGH SCHOOL: Signed with Mississippi State out of the talent-rich prep ranks of Texas ... Finished his senior season with 72 tackles ... Named all-district following the 2009 season ... Posted 17 tackles from his outside linebacker position in the first game of the season ... Played for head coach Brian Brazil at Hebron High School ... Hebron missed the Class 5A Playoffs by one game ... Standout on the Hebron basketball team also had offers to play

collegiately on the hardwood ... Chose Mississippi State over Arkansas, Baylor, Colorado State and UTEP among others.

PERSONAL: Born June 18, 1992 ... Brother, David, is a wide receiver at Wagner College.





Dillon DAY

OL, 6-4, 260, West Monroe, La.
(West Monroe)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played offensive tackle for head coach Don Shows at West Monroe, helping lead the Rebels to a state championship appearance his junior year and the 5A state title his senior campaign ... West Monroe finished the 2009 season 15-0 and ranked No. 9 nationally, defeating Archbishop Rummel 30-0 in the title game in the Louisiana Superdome ... Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... Also held scholarship offers from Louisiana Tech and Louisiana-Monroe

PERSONAL: Born October 17, 1991
... Son of Marc and Diane Day.



Kaleb EULLS

DL, 6-4, 255, Yazoo City, Miss. (Yazoo County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked the No. 4 player in the state of Mississippi regardless of position by *SuperPrep Magazine* ... Slotted at No. 5 regardless of position and the top defensive lineman by Scout.com ... A four-star rating by both Scout.com and Rivals.com ... A consensus all-state selection and a pick to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Named the 4A Defensive Player of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Named to the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen along with being named the paper's sixth most-wanted recruit ... As a defensive end he totaled 82 tackles with 16 tackles for loss and seven sacks ... Forced one fumble and recovered another ... Also handled quarterback on offense and finished his senior year with 721 passing yards ... Rushed for 942 yards with 11 touchdowns ... Also served as teams punter, averaging 42 yards per boot ... Played for head coach Matt Williams ... Received national headlines and television appearances after disarming a student on the bus on the way to school ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi ... Also had offers from Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Southern Miss and Tennessee among others ... Committed to Mississippi State in July of 2009. Colorado State and UTEP among others.

PERSONAL: Born
Kaleb Lashun Eulls
on June 28, 1991 ...
Son of Ora Eulls.





Dylan FAVRE

QB, 5-11, 190, Bay St. Louis, Miss. (St. Stanislaus)

HIGH SCHOOL:

Named the 2009 Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Mississippi ... Named to the prestigious *Parade* All-America Team ... Honored as Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year by Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Also named Mississippi Player of the Year and All-State quarterback by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Listed as one of Mississippi's 40 Most Wanted by the *Clarion-Ledger* ... Number 27 prospect regardless of position in the state of Mississippi by SuperPrep ... Named the 15th best prospect in the state by the Mississippi Press ... Rivals.com rated him as the No. 2 quarterback and the No. 33 prospect in the state regardless of position ... Shattered most state passing records ... Completed 342 of 529 passes for 5,589 yards and 63 touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed for 1,265 yards and 18 scores as he led coach Forrest Williams' Rockachaws to a 14-1 record and the 4A state title ... Tabbed as the All-South offensive player of the year by the Biloxi Sun Herald each of the past two seasons ... As a junior, completed 225 of 370 passes for 3,805 yards and a then-state record 45 touchdown passes ... Named 2nd team All-State by the *Clarion Ledger* in 2008 ... During his sophomore season, Favre threw for 36 touchdowns 3,092 yards and completed 196 of 322 pass attempts ... Chose Mississippi State over Southern Mississippi and Tulane.

PERSONAL: Born Dylan DeWayne Favre on March 19, 1992 ... Son of Jeffrey and Rhonda Favre ... Nephew of NFL quarterback Brett Favre.



Nick GRIFFIN

RB, 5-11, 195, New Augusta, Miss. (Perry Central)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 10 prospect in the state of Mississippi regardless of position by Rivals.com ... Earned a three-star rating from Rivals, Scout and ESPN ... Played in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Listed on the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* 40 Most Wanted List and also a preseason Dandy Dozen Selection ... Named first team all-state for all classifications by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Also named first-team All-State on the 3A level by Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Led class 3A in rushing with 2,080 yards on 234 carries for head coach Tim Barron in 2009 ... Scored 36 touchdowns during his senior season with 31 coming on the ground ... Also played defensively as a safety, and as a junior posted 82 tackles with a two sacks and four interceptions ... Averaged just under 30.0 yards punting ... As a junior, rushed for 720 yards with nine touchdowns on 120 carries ... In 2007 he had a breakout season with 1,371 rushing yards on 201 carries and 17 touchdowns ... Also posted 64 tackles with an interception on defense ... Played for the varsity as a ninth grader with 59 tackles and three sacks ... Plays for the PCHS basketball varsity and runs track ... Committed to Mississippi State in January over Mississippi ... Also had offers from Stanford, Southern Mississippi and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL: Born Nicholas Cameron Griffin on October 23, 1991 ... Son of Joseph and Mae Griffin ... Has four siblings Joseph, Kimberly, Latory and Josie Rice.





Corvell HARRISON-GAY

LB/DE, 6-3, 220, Laurel, Miss. (Northeast Jones)

HIGH SCHOOL: Listed as the top linebacker prospect in the state of Mississippi by Rivals.com and No. 2 linebacker by Scout.com ... Rated the No. 23 prospect regardless of position in Mississippi by Scout.com ... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game ... Listed on the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* 40 Most Wanted List ... Earned all-state honors in Class 4A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Named second-team All-State regardless of classification by the *Clarion-Ledger* ... All-Jones County team pick of the Laurel Leader Call ... All-Area selection of WDAM-TV ... For the 2009 season he led NEJHS on defense with 85 tackles in ten games ... Playing tight end he caught eight passes for 82 yards with a pair of touchdown receptions, one each in games with Class 5A state finalists West Jones and Wayne County ... Played for head coach Robert Hathorn at Northeast Jones ... Committed to Mississippi State in December of 2009.

PERSONAL: Born Corvell Vermaine Gay on March 22, 1991 ... Son of Ollie and Michelle Michelle Harrison.





Brandon HILL

ATH, 6-2, 210, Crawford, Miss. (West Lowdnes)

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned a four-star ranking by ESPN.com and listed as the No. 24 athlete in the nation by that recruiting service ... Listed by Scout.com as the No. 22 prospect in the state regardless of position ... Listed on the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* 40 Most Wanted recruits ... Finished his senior season with 23 catches for 269 yards and two touchdowns on offense ... Defensively registered 64 tackles with one sack ... Also picked off three passes and returned one for a touchdown ... Recovered three fumbles, broke up three passes and tallied three tackles for loss ... Played for head coach Chris Chambless at West Point ... Became one of the Bulldogs' first commitments of the class as he committed in February of 2009 ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi ... Also considered by Arkansas and Southern Mississippi ... Also received baseball and track scholarship offers from several schools.

PERSONAL: Born Brandon D. Hill on May 26, 1991 ... Son of Brandon Hill and LaTonya Bush.



Christian HOLMES

LB, 6-2, 235, Puckett, Miss. (Puckett)

HIGH SCHOOL: Class 2A All-Metro selection by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Recorded 107 tackles during his senior season at Puckett Attendance Center ... Also tallied four sacks, intercepted two passes, forced four fumbles and recovered three of them ... A two-way player in high school, he added 388 yards receiving and nine touchdowns on the offensive side of the ball ... Helped lead the Wolves to a 11-2 record in 2009 ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi ... Also had offers Southern Mississippi and Memphis ... Committed to Mississippi State in January.

PERSONAL: Born Christian Joseph Holmes on June 16, 1992 ... Son of Kristi Holmes.





Jeff HOWIE

OL/DL, 6-4, 330, Medina, Pa. (Itawamba CC / Fork Union Military Academy / Downingtown (Pa.) West)

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Earned a three-star rating from both Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Earned all-state honors at Itawamba Community College as a freshman on the offensive line ... Moved to defensive tackle and earned first-team honors as a sophomore ... Due to a broken hand, played in just six games in 2009 but still managed 38 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss and five sacks ... Committed to Mississippi State in January ... Also received scholarship offers from Louisiana-Monroe, Ohio, South Florida, Southern Mississippi, Troy and Western Kentucky.

HIGH SCHOOL: Made 32 solo tackles and three sacks in 2006 under head coach Mike Milano at Downingtown West High School to help team to a 10-2 record and a playoff berth ... Earned first-team All-Chesmont and all-area honors ... Played both offensive tackle and defensive tackle ... Selected to play in the 2007 PSFCA East-West All-Star Game and the 2007 Valor Bowl All-Star Game ... Signed with Temple after high school career before attending Fork Union Military Academy ... Was ranked in the Rivals.com prep school Top 50 following only season at the Virginia institution.

PERSONAL: Born Jeffrey A. Howie on September 3, 1988...Son of George Howie.





Chris HUGHES

DB, 6-0, 215, Mobile, Ala. (Davidson)

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked four-star prospect by ESPN.com and listed as the No. 16 safety prospect in the nation by that service ... Ranked the 25th best prospect in the state of Alabama by Rivals.com and as the 30th ranked senior in the state by Scout.com ... Rated the No. 49 safety prospect in the country by Rivals ... Suffered a leg injury prior to his senior season and saw limited playing time ... As a junior, recorded 118 tackles with 71 solo ... Also posted seven tackles for a loss with a sack ... Caused two fumbles, intercepted three passes and was credited with two pass breakups and four hurries ... Committed to Mississippi State in January of 2010 ... Played for head coach Fred Riley at Davidson High School ... Also held offers from Clemson, Arkansas, South Carolina, Louisville, Mississippi, Southern Miss and Kansas State.

PERSONAL: Born Christopher Brian Hughes on August 11, 1991 ... Son of Chawnerick Winbush.



Jay HUGHES

ATH, 5-11, 175, Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove)

HIGH SCHOOL: Listed as a top-100 national running back by Scout.com ... Ranked the 14th prospect regardless of position in the state of Mississippi by Scout ... Earned a three-star ranking by Scout, Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... Named to the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* 40 Most Wanted Recruits list ... Selected to play running back in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Named to the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* second team all-state team comprised of all classifications ... Playing for Coach Nevil Barr he helped Oak Grove to an 11-3 record with championships of both Region 3 and South State to reach the Class 6A State Finals ... WDAM-TV named him to their All-Area first team, and he was second-team All-Area by the Hattiesburg American newspaper ... During 2009 senior season, rushed 143 times for 856 yards ... Also recorded four rushing touchdowns ... Transferred to Oak Grove HS for his junior season in 2008 ... Made an immediate impact by rushing for 980 yards on 172 carries ... Scored 17 rushing touchdowns as the Warriors finished 12-2 and reached the South State title game ... Played for head coach Nevil Barr at Oak Grove ... Played in 2007 at Oxford (Miss.) High School ... Committed to Mississippi State in December of 2009 ... Also held offers from Auburn, Duke, Louisiana Tech, Mississippi, Southern Miss, Tennessee, Tulsa, Vanderbilt and West Virginia.

PERSONAL: Born Jay Khalil Hughes on November 21, 1991 ... Son of Tony and Marion Hughes ... Father is safeties coach and recruiting coordinator for Mississippi State.



Malcolm JOHNSON

WR, 6-2, 205, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Northridge)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... ESPN.com lists him as the No. 75 wide receiver prospect in the nation ... Rivals.com has him as the No. 33 recruit in the state of Alabama regardless of position ... Most Valuable Player at Rivals Ultimate 100 Camps in both Birmingham and Atlanta ... During his senior season, Johnson caught 39 passes for 598 yards and scored eight touchdowns ... Played for head coach Michael Smith ... Also rushed for 137 yards on 30 carries and completed two of three pass attempts ... Hauled in 41 receptions for 492 yards and nine touchdowns during junior season ... Standout on the basketball court as well for the Jaguars ... Committed to Mississippi State in July of 2009.

PERSONAL: Born Malcolm Jamaine Johnson on August 11, 1992 ... Son of James and Genesis Johnson.



Robert JOHNSON

WR, 6-0, 195, Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove)

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked the fifth most-coveted player in the state of Mississippi in the Mississippi Press' Fantastic 15 ... No. 9 prospect in the state of Mississippi regardless of position by Rivals.com ... No. 10 prospect according to *SuperPrep Magazine* ... No. 11 prospect in the state according to Scout.com ... A four-star recruit according to Rivals.com and a three-star pick by Scout.com and ESPN.com ... The consensus second-ranked wide receiver in the state of Mississippi in the 2010 class ... Member of the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* 40 Most Wanted Recruits ... Second-team All-State in all classifications according to the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... During senior season caught 28 passes for 529 yards with a long of 70 yards and a pair of scores ... Also had 167 carries for 798 yards and nine touchdowns ... Helped lead Warriors to the Class 6A state title game ... Caught six passes for 78 yards in the state championship against South Panola ... Member of the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen ... Selected to play in the Mississippi High School All-Star Game ... As a junior caught 48 passes for 632 yards and four scores ... Also rushed for 276 yards and four TDs on 31 carries ... Committed to Mississippi State in December of 2009 .. Also held offers from Auburn, Kentucky, Louisville, Mississippi, Southern Mississippi and West Virginia.

PERSONAL: Born Robert Earl Johnson II on August 1, 1991 ... Son of Robert, Sr. and Joanne Johnson.



Eric LAWSON

**OL, 6-6, 320, Olive Branch, Miss.
(Olive Branch)**

HIGH SCHOOL: The No. 30 prospect in the state of Mississippi according to Rivals.com ... Named to the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* 40 Most Wanted List ... A three-star prospect according to ESPN.com ... Helped lead head coach Scott Samsel's Conquistadors to the third round of the playoffs ... Named first team Mississippi High School Activities Association Region 1 Class 6A Team ... Earned Shelby Metro All-Suburban Team honors from the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* ... Played his junior season at Terry (Miss.) High School ... Committed to Texas Tech in October of 2009 before selecting Mississippi State in February ... Also had an offer from Memphis and considered Southern Mississippi.





Jeremy LEE

5-10, 170, Utica, Miss. (Hinds AHS)

HIGH SCHOOL: Do-everything athlete at Hinds Agricultural High School ... Led the Bulldogs to berth in the Class 2A Playoffs ... Rushed 77 times for 558 yards and four touchdowns ... Pulled in 13 passes for 149 receiving yards ... Also completed two passes on the year ... Defensively, made 35 tackles and intercepted a pair of passes ... Also punted 12 times and returned three kickoffs for 41 yards for head coach Mike Fields' squad ... Chose Mississippi State in January of 2010 ... Also held offers from Southeastern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi.

PERSONAL: Born March 2, 1992 ... Son of Felicia Lee.





Jameon LEWIS

ATH, 5-9, 175, Tylertown, Miss. (Tylertown)

HIGH SCHOOL: Named first-team all-classification All-State by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* on defense ... Also named the Mississippi Association of Coaches Offensive Player of the Year in 3A ... Rated the No. 24 prospect in the state of Mississippi regardless of position by Scout.com ... Listed on the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger's* 40 Most Wanted recruits ... A three-star recruit according to both Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... Led the undefeated Chiefs of Coach Walter Denton, who won 15 straight games en route to the school's first Class 3A championship ... One of the two quarterbacks chosen for the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game roster ... In the 3A championship game against Aberdeen he had a hand in all five Chiefs touchdowns, rushing for two scores including the game-clincher on a fourth-down dash, and passing for three more ... During his senior season he was 75-of-137 passing for 1,161 yards with 13 touchdowns ... Rushed 200 times for 1,182 yards and 18 touchdowns ... As a junior he helped THS go 12-1 and capture its first-ever South State championship

PERSONAL: Born Jameon Kalchevis Lewis on November 26, 1991 ... Son of Roy Walker and Tyrone Lewis ... His father played football at Louisiana State.



Jamerson LOVE

DB, 5-11, 175, Aberdeen, Miss. (Aberdeen)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 22 prospect in the state regardless of position by Rivals.com ... A three-star athlete according to both Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Named first-team All-State all-classification by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* on defense ... Selected to participate in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game at safety ... Named first-team all-state by the Mississippi Association of Coaches at running back ... His senior season he led Aberdeen to a 13-3 record and the 3A championship game ... In the state title game against Tylertown he carried 13 times for 131 yards and scored on a 34-yard touchdown dash ... He was the third-leading rusher in Class 3A as a senior, finishing the year with 1,773 yards on 195 carries ... He scored 21 rushing touchdowns in 2009 and added six receiving scores ... His 18 catches resulted in 434 yards ... As a junior he helped Aberdeen reach the 3A championship game ... Rushed for 787 yards on 57 carries with 15 touchdowns in 2008 ... Also caught ten passes for 224 more yards and three scores.

PERSONAL: Born Jamerson Valentino Love on November 6, 1990 ... Son of James Love and Maggie Walker.



Archie MUNIZ

OL, 6-5, 255, Houston, Texas (Cypress Creek)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... Listed as the No. 30 offensive tackle in the country according to ESPN ... Unanimous first-team All-District selection from District 15 in Class 5A for 2009 ... Helped lead Coach Greg McCaig's Cypress Creek High School to consecutive District Championships ... Helped lead the Cougars to their latest District 15 championship with a 6-1 record, while his team posted an overall 9-1 mark for the regular season in Class 5A before a first-round loss in the playoffs ... For the 2009 season he was credited with a 90% blocking grade and over 50 pancake blocks in ten games ... As a junior in 2008 graded out at 84% on his blocks with 43 pancakes ... Earned second-team All-District 15-5A his junior season ... Chose Mississippi State in January with offers from across the nation including Arizona State, Colorado State, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Oklahoma State, Rice, Southern Methodist, Tulane, Utah, UTEP, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.

PERSONAL: Born Ariel Ivan Muniz on May 12, 1992 ... Son of Ariel and Ana Muniz.



Damien ROBINSON

OL, 6-8, 330, Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch)

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio ... Ranked No. 3 on the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* 40 Most Wanted prospects ... Rated a four-star prospect by Rivals.com and listed as that recruiting service's No. 3 recruit in the state of Mississippi ... Member of the Rivals 250 ... Selected to represent Mississippi at the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Named first team all-state for all classifications by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Also named first-team all-state in 6A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Rated No. 9 offensive lineman in the nation and assigned four-stars by Scout.com and is that organization's No. 2 prospect in the state of Mississippi ... Rated No. 2 prospect in the state by *SuperPrep Magazine* ... Helped lead head coach Scott Samsel's Conquistadors to the third round of the playoffs ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida State, LSU, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and UAB.

PERSONAL: Born May 22, 1991 ... Son of Alice Robinson.





Curtis VIRGES

DL, 6-3, 290, West Point, Miss. (West Point)

HIGH SCHOOL: Rated a three-star prospect by Scout.com, Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... Listed as the No. 14 prospect in the state of Mississippi by Rivals.com ... Scout.com ranks him as the No. 17 prospect in the state regardless of position ... Member of the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* 40 Most Wanted Recruits ... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Named first-team all-state for all classifications by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Named first-team all-state in Class 5A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Listed among state's most wanted players by the Mississippi Press ... Helped lead head coach Chris Chambliss' Green Wave to a Class 5A state championship ... Named the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal regional Defensive Player of the Year ... In the state championship game, tallied nine solo tackles with a quarterback sack ... On the season he posted 82 total tackles and 14 sacks ... Played both defensive tackle and offensive guard during sophomore and junior seasons ... Chose Mississippi State over Mississippi ... Committed to Mississippi State in July of 2009 ... Also received offers from Southern Mississippi and UAB.

PERSONAL: Born Curtis Maurice Virges, Jr. on March 27, 1992 ... Son of Curtis Virges, Sr. and Carsandra Virges.



Matthew WELLS

ATH, 6-0, 190, Monticello, Miss. (Lawrence County)

HIGH SCHOOL: Listed as the No. 4 Most Wanted Prospect in the state of Mississippi by the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* ... Selected to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game ... Listed as the No. 6 prospect in the state regardless of position by Scout.com ... A four-star prospect and the No. 17 running back in the nation according to Scout.com ... A three-star selection by both Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... The No. 11 prospect in the state on the Mississippi Press Fantastic 15 ... Preseason member of the Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen ... Named first-team all-state in Class 4A by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Despite missing four games during senior season due to injury, finished with 1,050 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns ... Also credited with 36 tackles and four interceptions ... Rushed for 1,352 yards as a junior on 113 carries and scored 21 touchdowns ... Also starred on the Lawrence County High School basketball team ... Committed to Mississippi State over Mississippi in January of 2010 ... Had offers from Southern Mississippi, Tennessee and Stanford.

PERSONAL: Born Matthew Sean Wells on November 26, 1990





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DAN MULLEN

MISSISSIPPI STATE HEAD COACH



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



Dan Mullen was widely regarded as one of the top young minds in college football when he arrived at Mississippi State, and he brought not only an impressive offensive resume and a list of NFL-developed quarterbacks but also an energy and passion for the college game. With 15 years of experience in the collegiate coaching ranks, Mullen was named the 32nd head football coach in the history of Mississippi State University on December 10, 2008.

From the moment of Mullen's announcement, Mississippi State fans have been reenergized. Supporters have turned out in the form of capacity crowds at Mullen's appearances around the Southeast and the Bulldog faithful set a new State of Mississippi record with more than 31,000 in attendance at the team's 2009 Maroon-White Spring Game in April.

The excitement continued throughout Mullen's first fall on campus, as MSU set school records for total home attendance, average home attendance and posted three of the school's top four largest single-game crowds.

Improvement wasn't limited to fan enthusiasm, as Mullen ignited the Bulldog offense despite facing the nation's toughest schedule. State's rushing attack, led by first-team all-Southeastern Conference selection Anthony Dixon, finished ninth nationally with a 227.6 rushing yard average per game. State averaged 371.9 yards of total offense per game, the eighth highest total in school history and the most since 2000.

Mullen's first season concluded with a rousing 41-27 victory over MSU's in-state rival, which brought the Golden Egg back to Starkville. He became the only the third Mississippi State coach to win his Egg Bowl debut since 1939, joining Allyn McKeen and Jackie Sherrill. The Bulldogs posted a 5-7 overall record in 2009, including three road victories.



at the University of Florida, Mullen molded a Heisman Trophy, Davey O'Brien and Maxwell Award winning quarterback, along with a Rimington Trophy finalist and a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist.

In 2008 alone, Mullen's offensive attack ranked third nationally in scoring – averaging better than 45 points per game as the Gators scored at least 30 points in 12 of 13 games. The 587 points scored eclipsed the previous University of Florida mark, set in 1996.

Florida has rushed for a new-school record 41 touchdowns that season and UF's 80 rushing touchdowns over the two seasons ranked second nationally. Overall, Florida's rushing yardage of 2,987 this year ranks ninth nationally and is the third-highest total in school history.

Seven offensive players were recognized as All-Southeastern Conference selections following the season in which Florida claimed its second SEC Championship and a chance to play for its second national championship in three seasons.

The Gator offense ranked first in the SEC in scoring offense and total offense for a second-straight season in 2008, averaging 45.2 points and 442.4 yards per game. Under Mullen's tutelage in 2007, UF averaged 42.5 points and 457.2 yards.

In 2007, Mullen directed the Gator offense to the third-highest point total ever by a UF unit and the top single-season marks for rushing touchdowns and third-down conversion percentage. Florida's offense scored 75 touchdowns during the season most in the SEC.

Mullen orchestrated a UF attack that was the only one in the nation to have rushed for a touchdown and passed for a touchdown in every game during the season. He also helped UF score on 83 of 152 drives in 2007 for a league-best 54.6 percent, marking the best number since the stat was tracked by the SEC in 2000. Florida also averaged 7.0 yards per play last year, the fourth-best total in the nation and the Gators averaged 5.3 yards per rush, the second-best number in school history.

In 2007, he helped coach sophomore quarterback Tim Tebow into a Heisman Trophy, Maxwell and Davey O'Brien award winner, 78th Sullivan Award winner and AP first-team All-American among other honors.

He also tutored six offensive players to the All-SEC team: Tebow, Percy Harvin, Cornelius Ingram, Brandon James, Jim Tartt and Drew Miller. Mullen played an integral role in Florida's 2006



national championship, overseeing an offense that averaged 29.7 points and 396.1 yards per game. In the BCS National Championship Game, he engineered an attack that produced 41 points against a top-ranked Ohio State squad that was limiting opponents to less than 11 points per game on the year.

Under Mullen's tutelage, quarterback Chris Leak opened the contest by going 9-for-9 for 99 yards and a touchdown en route to earning Offensive MVP honors.

The 2006 Gator offense posted 76 plays of 20 yards or more, 19

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of which went for touchdowns. Florida passed for 29 touchdowns in 2006, while Leak ranked among the national leaders with 23 scoring tosses. Tebow matched UF's single-season record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with eight scores, and his 5.3 average yards per carry were second nationally among signal callers. Six different players averaged at least 5.0 yards per carry last season, including SEC Freshman of the Year Harvin.

In 2005, Chad Jackson played his way to Biletnikoff

Award semifinalist status after matching the UF single-season record with 88 receptions, a figure that led the SEC and finished sixth nationally. Center Mike Degory was also named a finalist for the Rimington Trophy, given annually to the nation's top center, during that campaign. Both earned first-team All-SEC honors under Mullen's tutelage.

Mullen went to Florida from Utah with head coach Urban Meyer, with whom he had spent the past 10 seasons. While the quarterbacks coach at Utah, Mullen developed Alex Smith – the first overall selection in the 2005 NFL Draft – from a pocket passer into an efficient executor of the spread offense, making him one of the



Coaching Experience

2009-	Mississippi State University (Head Coach)
2005-08	Florida (Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks)
2003-04	Utah (Quarterbacks)
2001-02	Bowling Green (Quarterbacks)
1999-00	Notre Dame (Graduate Assistant Offense)
1998	Syracuse (Graduate Assistant Offense)
1996-97	Columbia (Wide Receivers)
1994-95	Wagner (Wide Receivers)

Bowl Games as a Coach

2009:	BCS National Championship Game
2008:	Capital One
2007:	BCS National Championship Game
2006:	Outback
2005:	Fiesta
2003:	Liberty
2001:	Fiesta
1999:	Orange



most versatile threats in college football. Smith took over the starting job three games into Mullen's tenure, passing for 2,247 yards and running for 452 to finish second in the Mountain West Conference in total offense in 2003.

The 2004 campaign saw Smith earn National Player of the Year honors from *The Sporting News* and *Sports Illustrated*, while also becoming Utah's first-ever Heisman Trophy finalist and garnering final consid-

eration for the Davey O'Brien and Walter Camp National Player of the Year Awards. Smith passed for 2,952 yards and 32 touchdowns and ran for 631 yards and 10 scores on the year, ranking second in the nation with a 176.5 efficiency rating and leading the Utes to a perfect 12-0 season and a Fiesta Bowl championship. As a team, Utah finished the 2004 season third in the nation in scoring offense (45.3) and total offense (499.8).

Prior to his stint at Utah, Mullen served as quarterbacks' coach at Bowling Green for two seasons, putting up 6,627 yards of total offense and scoring 81 touchdowns during that span. In 2002, quarterback Josh Harris threw for 2,425 yards, ran for 737 yards and completed the campaign as the nation's third-leading scorer.

Mullen spent the two years before his Bowling Green stint as a graduate assistant at Notre Dame, making a Fiesta Bowl appearance, and assisted with Syracuse's 1998 BIG EAST championship and Orange Bowl run.

A two-year starter at tight end for Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., Mullen earned first-team All-Centennial Conference honors as a senior. He is married to the former Megan West, and the couple has a one-year-old son, Canon.

PLAYERS IN THE NFL DRAFT

(Round Drafted)

WR Dallas Baker (7th)	Florida 2007 Pittsburgh Steelers
WR Andre Caldwell (3rd)	Florida 2008 Cincinnati Bengals
QB Tim Tebow (1st)	Florida 2009 Denver Broncos
LB Jamar Chaney (7th)	Mississippi State 2009 Philadelphia Eagles
RB Anthony Dixon (6th)	Mississippi State 2009 San Francisco 49ers
QB Josh Harris (6th)	Bowling Green 2004 Baltimore Ravens
WR Percy Harvin (1st)	Florida 2008 Minnesota Vikings
TE Cornelius Ingram (5th)	Florida 2008 Philadelphia Eagles
WR Chad Jackson (2nd)	Florida 2006 New England Patriots
QB Omar Jacobs (5th)	Bowling Green 2006 Pittsburgh Steelers
WR Louis Murphy (4th)	Florida 2008 Oakland Raiders
QB Alex Smith (1st)	Utah 2005 San Francisco 49ers
RB DeShawn Wynn (7th)	Florida 2007 Green Bay Packers

Personal Information

Birthdate: April 27, 1972
Hometown: Manchester, N.H.
Education: 1994 – Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sport Science from Ursinus College;
1996 – Master's Degree in Education from Wagner College
Family: Married to the former Megan West
Children: Son, Canon



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



LES KOENNING



Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



Head football coach Dan Mullen spent the first 14 years of his career coaching on the offensive side of the ball and the past four at Florida as offensive coordinator. When he began his search for an offensive coordinator, Mullen found Les Koenning - a coach with more than 25 years of experience and a wealth of knowledge not only about developing quarterbacks but also about the spread offense.

Koenning is not only experienced coaching on the collegiate level in general, he gained some of that knowledge during a previous stop at Mississippi State. His second full-time position in the college ranks was a four-year stint in Starkville from 1986-89.

In his first year in Starkville, the Houston, Texas, native saw his offensive attack lead the SEC in rushing yards and better its yards-per-game average by nearly 100 yards from the season prior. The offense also improved its scoring by nearly 10 points per contest.

Koenning came to Mississippi State from South Alabama, where he spent the 2008 season as the offensive coordinator for the newly developed Jaguar program.

Prior to his one-year stay at South Alabama, Koenning, 49, spent five years on the Texas A&M staff, serving as offensive coordinator and working with the quarterbacks. He has spent the last 10 years of his



career coordinating offenses and calling plays, starting in 1998 at Duke before stops at Houston (1999), TCU (2000) and Alabama (2001-03).

A native of Houston, Koenning began his career with graduate assistantships at Texas and Alabama before being named wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette in 1985.

Koenning then served as running backs and wide receivers coach for Rockey Felker at Mississippi State from 1986-89. He moved to Rice as wide receivers coach from 1990-93 before taking the same position at Texas A&M. Koenning gained a year of experience in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins during the 1997 season before returning to his college roots.

A 1981 graduate of Texas with a degree in Health and Physical Education, Koenning added a master's degree in sports management two years later. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Les and Lana.

Coaching Career

2008:	South Alabama (Offensive Coordinator / QBs)
2003-07:	Texas A&M (Offensive Coordinator / QBs)
2001-02:	Alabama (Offensive Coordinator / QBs)
2000:	TCU (Passing Game Coordinator / QBs)
1999:	Houston (Offensive Coordinator / QBs)
1998:	Duke (Offensive Coordinator / QBs)
1997:	Miami Dolphins (Offensive Assistant)
1994-96:	Texas A&M (Wide Receivers)
1993 (Dec.):	Duke (Wide Receivers)
1990-93:	Rice (Wide Receivers)
1986-89:	Mississippi State (Running Backs / WRs)
1985:	Louisiana-Lafayette (WRs / Recruiting Coordinator)
1984:	Alabama (Graduate Assistant)
1981-83:	Texas (Graduate Assistant)

Personal

Birthdate: February 10, 1958

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Education: . 1981 - Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education from Texas

1983 - Master's in Sports Management from Texas

Family: Married to the former Lisa Pihl

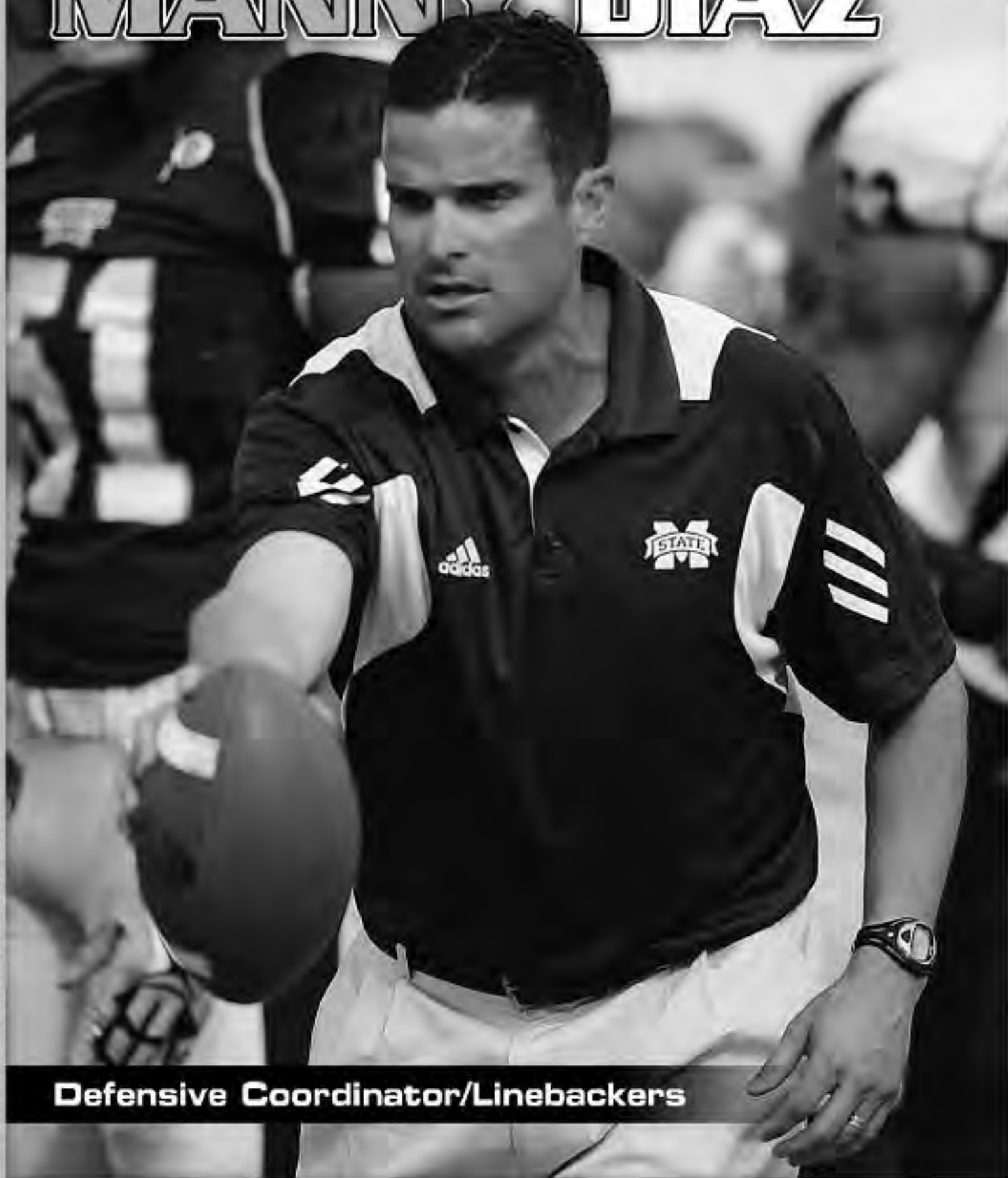
Children: Les and Lana



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



MANNNY DIAZ



Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers



One of the bright young defensive minds in collegiate coaching, Diaz comes to Mississippi State following four seasons as defensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee. Diaz, who spent six years at N.C. State before joining the Blue Raiders, also coached linebackers for the two years after mentoring the safeties his first two seasons in Murfreesboro.

In four years under Diaz, the Middle Tennessee defense led its conference in sacks and tackles for loss twice, and finished no lower than third in the league in either category during his tenure. In 2009, the Blue Raiders finished second nationally in tackles for loss, stopping more than eight and a half plays per game behind the line of scrimmage. Diaz' defense also ranked sixth nationally in quarterback sacks last season, posting nearly three per game.

Last season, Diaz tutored defensive end Chris McCoy who was tabbed the Sun Belt Conference co-Defensive Player of the Year. McCoy led the league and ranked sixth nationally in tackles for loss. Safety Jeremy Kellum and cornerbacks Alex Suber and Marcus Udell were also named first team all-SBC. Defensive end Jamari Lattimore along with linebackers Cam Robinson and Danny Carmichael earned second-team honors. Overall, Diaz' unit has produced 17 all-conference players during his time there and put up three of the top four fewest yards allowed averages at Middle Tennessee in its FBS era.

In 2005, the Wolfpack finished eighth nationally in total defense, sixth in third down percentage, and 12th in scoring defense en route to a 7-5 record and a shutout win over South Florida in the Meineke Car Care Bowl. Diaz, who also served as special teams coordinator, saw his kickoff return unit finish fifth nationally, and his punt return team recorded four blocked kicks.

In his first year as safeties coach and special teams coordinator in 2004, N.C. State's defense finished the year as the top-ranked unit in the country in total defense by allowing just over 220 yards per game. The Wolfpack defense also held national powers Ohio State and Florida State to under 130 yards of total offense during the 2004 campaign. Diaz, who coached All-ACC performer and former New York Jet Andre Maddox, also had his punt return team block three kicks and take two returns for touchdowns.

The Miami, Fla., native handled the linebackers for N.C. State in 2002 and 2003. In 2003, the Wolfpack won the Tangerine Bowl and finished 7-5 with Diaz sharing play-calling duties for all 11 games. Diaz also made all the defensive calls during the bowl win over Kansas.

In his first year as a full-time coach, Diaz helped the Wolfpack to one of their best seasons ever: they finished 11-3 and defeated Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl. Diaz, who coached All-ACC performer Dantonio Burnette, shared in the play-calling duties, and N.C. State ended the year ranked 14th nationally in total defense and 10th in scoring defense. In back-to-back games against Florida State and Notre Dame, N.C. State did not allow an offensive touchdown.

Diaz spent the 2000 and 2001 seasons at N.C. State as a graduate assistant working primarily with the linebacking corps. During this time, the Wolfpack went to two bowl games and became the first ACC team to beat FSU in Tallahassee.

Diaz, whose father recently concluded his second term as mayor of the City of Miami, began his coaching career at Florida State in 1998, working alongside defensive coordinator Mickey



Andrews for two seasons. During his stint, the Seminoles won a national championship in 1999 and were runners-up in 1998.

The 1995 Florida State graduate (B.S. in communications) is married to the former Stephanie Cerow and they have three sons, Colin, Gavin, and Manny. Diaz, who worked at ESPN from 1995 to 1997, was a Miami Herald Honorable Mention All-Dade County Scholar-Athlete for football, basketball, and baseball in 1991.

Coaching Career

2008-09:	Middle Tennessee (Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers)
2006-07:	Middle Tennessee (Defensive Coordinator / Safeties)
2004-05:	NC State (Safeties / Special Teams)
2002-03:	NC State (Linebackers)
2000-01:	NC State (Graduate Assistant)
1998-99:	Florida State (Graduate Assistant)

Personal

Birthdate: March 13, 1974
Bachelor's Degree Florida State, 1995
Family: Married to the former Stephanie Cerow
Children: Colin, Gavin and Manny



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



CHRIS WILSON



Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line



Chris Wilson will serve as the Mississippi State defensive line coach and co-defensive coordinator after spending the past five years tutoring defensive linemen at his alma mater, Oklahoma.

Wilson is a veteran of 15 years coaching at the collegiate level with stints at Indiana State, Northern Illinois, Illinois State, Colorado and Oklahoma.

For the past five seasons, Wilson has coached defensive ends at Oklahoma and for the last three has also served as special teams coordinator. In 2009, Wilson helped mentor a defensive front that finished eighth nationally against the run, allowing only 92 yards per game, and posted the sixth-most sacks in the country. The Sooner defense also finished the season ranked eighth in total defense and seventh in points allowed.

Under Wilson's tutelage, defensive end Jeremy Beal has been named All-Big 12 each of the past two seasons, and led the Sooner defense in tackles for loss and sacks both as a sophomore and as a junior.

In 2007, Wilson helped guide the OU defense to a conference-leading 32 sacks, 15 of which came from his ends. Sophomore Auston English ranked 15th nationally in sacks despite missing three games and was named first team All-Big 12. The year prior, his ends logged 25.5 tackles for loss including 10 sacks.

In 2005, with his top returning starter (Larry Birdine) lost in August and one of his budding stars (John Williams) sidelined in the opener by injuries, he still coached the defensive ends to a brilliant season. C.J. Ah You was named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year and MVP of the Holiday Bowl, and Calvin Thibodeaux captured postseason honors while leading the team with 10 sacks.

During his tenure in Boulder, Colorado captured the Big 12 North titles three times, and the Buffalos ranked 15th

nationally and second in the Big 12 with 33 sacks in 2004.

Wilson also coached on the Illinois State squad that captured the Gateway Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA semifinals in 1999. That season marked the only time that the Redbirds accomplished those feats.

Prior to his two-year stint at Illinois state, Wilson also served as linebackers coach at Indiana State in 1997, defensive coordinator at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in 1996, linebackers coach at Northern Illinois in 1995 and at Indiana State in 1994.



Coaching Career

2007-09:	Oklahoma (Special Teams Coordinator / Defensive Ends)
2005-06:	Oklahoma (Defensive Ends)
2000-04:	Colorado (Defensive Line)
2000 (spring):	Army (Defensive Line)
1998-99:	Illinois State (Defensive Line)
1997:	Indiana State (Linebackers / Recruiting Coordinator)
1996:	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line)
1995:	Northern Illinois (Linebackers)
1994:	Indiana State (Linebackers)
1993:	Indiana State (Graduate Assistant)

Personal

Birthdate: January 8, 1969
Bachelor's Degree: Oklahoma, 1992
Wife: Tina
Children: Caleb and Colby



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JOHN HEVESY



Offensive Line/Running Game Coordinator



No one can argue with the results put up by John Hevesy's group during his first year as the Bulldogs' run game coordinator and offensive line coach. The line paved the way as the offense led the SEC and finished ninth nationally in rushing, averaging better than 225 yards per game.

Hevesy has worked with Dan Mullen for the better part of a decade, and came to Mississippi State after four years as a member of the

University of Florida coaching staff, where he spent time working with both the tight ends and the offensive line.

Hevesy has coached in four BCS bowls, including Florida's 2006 and 2008 National Championship Game victories.

In 2008, he coached Florida tight end Aaron Hernandez as the sophomore caught 34 passes for 381 yards and five scores. Hevesy also assisted with a Florida

offensive line which allowed only 16 sacks in 14 games and paved the way for a rushing attack that averaged more than 231 yards per game.

In 2007, he tutored the UF tight ends' duo of Cornelius Ingram and Hernandez to a combined 43 receptions and 659 yards receiving. Ingram's seven touchdowns receiving matched Andre Caldwell's team leading total and his 14.9 yards per reception were the most of any Gator who had double digit catches. That season, the Gator offensive line surrendered just 13 sacks in 13 games, tying for the second-lowest total in the SEC and fifth nationally.

Despite entering the 2006 season with one player having started a game at his opening-day position, the UF offensive line allowed only 23 sacks on the year, and yielded one or less seven times during the campaign. Hevesy has also shown a penchant for molding individual talents on the interior of the Gators' line. Starting centers Mike Degory and Steve Rissler earned first-team All-SEC honors as seniors, and Drew Miller earned honorable mention All-SEC.

As the offensive line coach at Utah in 2004, Hevesy directed the front line for one of the most prolific offenses in the country, as the Utes ranked third nationally in scoring, total offense and passing efficiency. Behind the blocking of Hevesy's group, Utah scored on 62-of-67 trips to the red zone that year.

Prior to his arrival in Salt Lake City, Hevesy coached the tackles and tight ends at Bowling Green from 2001-02. In his first year on campus, the line allowed 50 percent fewer sacks than the year before, while the 2002 unit blocked for skill players that amassed more than 5,000 yards of total offense.

During a three-year stint at Brown, Hevesy coached an offensive line that blocked for 13 school records and saw three of its members earn multiple All-Ivy selections.

A three-year starter on the offensive line at the University of Maine from 1991-93, Hevesy is married to the former Kelli Rogers. The couple has three children, Jack, Taylor and Madison.



Coaching Career

2005-08:	Florida (TEs/ Asst. Offensive Line)
2003-04:	Utah (Offensive Line)
2001-02:	Bowling Green (Offensive Tackles / TEs)
1998-2000:	Brown (Offensive Line)
1997:	Syracuse (Graduate Assistant)
1996:	Brown (Offensive Tackles / TEs)
1994-95:	Trinity (Offensive Line)

Personal

Birthdate: May 2, 1971
Hometown: Madison, Conn.
Education:.. 1994 - Bachelor's in Education from Maine
Family:..... Married to the former Kelli Rogers
Children:..... Jack, Taylor and Madison



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MARK HUDSPETH



Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator



Arguably charged with the most challenging position during his first year at Mississippi State, Mark Hudspeth, the team's passing game coordinator and receivers coach tutored a group of young players to a solid first season. Under Hudspeth's guidance, then-true freshman Chad Bumphis lead the team in receiving en route to earning Freshman All-Southeastern Conference honors.

An ultra-successful head coach at the Division II level and a native of Louisville, Miss., Hudspeth returned to his home state after a seven-year stint as the head coach at North Alabama. Hudspeth led the Lions to a 66-21 record, with a pair of Gulf South Conference championships and five NCAA playoff appearances.

In 2008, Hudspeth led UNA to its fourth-consecutive 10-win season, posting a 12-2 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II semifinals. The Lions led the Gulf South Conference and ranked sixth nationally, scoring 41.3 points per game. In 2007, Hudspeth led the Lions to a 10-2 record and reached the national quarterfinals.

In 2006 the Lions had an 11-1 record, won a GSC title and a spot in the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs. Hudspeth was selected Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for the second time by his peers and was also selected Region 2 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

In 2005, Hudspeth led a UNA squad that went 11-3 and reached the semifinals of the Division II playoffs for the second time in three years.

The Lions went 4-7 in Hudspeth's first season, then posted a 13-1 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II semifinals in 2003. For his efforts, Hudspeth was named GSC Coach of the Year in just his second season as a collegiate head coach. He was also selected NCAA Division II Region 2 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Coaching Career

2002-08:	North Alabama (Head Coach)
2001:	Naval Academy (Offensive Coordinator)
1999-2000:	Delta State (Offensive Coordinator)
1998:	Central Arkansas (Defensive Backs)
1996-97:	Louisville (Miss.) Winston Academy High School (Head Coach)
1994-95:	Nicholls State (Wide Receivers / TEs)
1992-93:	Central Arkansas (Graduate Assistant)

Personal

Birthdate: November 10, 1968
Hometown: Louisville, Miss.
Education: 1992 - Bachelor's in Education from Delta State
1993 - Master's in Education from Central Arkansas
Family: Married to the former Tyla McConnell
Children: Gunner and Carley



Prior to his stint at North Alabama, Hudspeth served as the offensive coordinator at the United States Naval Academy in 2001. Hudspeth was the offensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coach at Delta State University from 1999-2000. He helped lead the Statesmen to a NCAA Division II National Championship in 2000, and his offense broke 21 school records, 12 Gulf South Conference records, and six NCAA Division II records that year.

Hudspeth served as the head coach at Winston Academy in Louisville, Miss., in 1996 and 1997. He led Winston Academy to a 25-1 record over two seasons including an undefeated record in the regular season.

In 1994-95 Hudspeth served as the wide receivers/tight ends coach and then the running backs coach at Nicholls State University.

He is married to the former Tyla McConnell, and has one son, Gunner, and one daughter, Carley.





TONY HUGHES



Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator

A Mississippi native with a wealth of experience coaching in his home state, Tony Hughes coaches safeties in the defensive backfield and coordinates the Bulldogs' recruiting efforts.

Under Hughes' tutelage in 2009, Bulldog safeties Johnthan Banks and Charles Mitchell intercepted eight opponent passes and returned three for touchdowns. Banks was named Freshman All-SEC following the season, and Mitchell is expected to contend for postseason honors in 2010.

Hughes came to Mississippi State after spending one season at Southern Mississippi, where he coached the secondary. Prior to that stop, Hughes coached for three seasons at Ole Miss. Named one of the top 25 college football recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in the spring of 2006, Hughes' first two years were spent tutoring the defensive backs and his final season in Oxford was spent working with

A black and white photograph of Tony Hughes, the head coach of the Mississippi State Bulldogs. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a white jacket with "MISSISSIPPI STATE" printed on the front. He is wearing glasses and has a serious expression, looking off to the side. The background is a blurred football field with players in white jerseys and numbers visible.

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2008:	Southern Mississippi (Secondary)
2007:	Ole Miss (Tight Ends)
2005-06:	Ole Miss (Defensive Backs)
2004:	Louisiana Tech (Outside Linebackers)
2003:	Louisiana Tech (Defensive Backs)
2002:	Hinds Community College (Defensive Coordinator)
1994-2001:	Hinds Community College (Secondary)
1992-93:	West Alabama (Secondary)
1988-91:	Hatiesburgh High (Offensive Coordinator)
1986-87:	South Natchez (Secondary)
1985:	Philadelphia (Miss.) High School

Birthday: May 22, 1959
Hometown: Forest, Miss.
Education: 1980 - Bachelor's in Sociology
 from Southern Miss.
 1985 - Certificate of Education in
 Social Studies from Southern Miss.
Family: . . . Married to the former Marion McCaleb
Children: Jamison and Jay

Hughes is married to the former Marion McCaleb of Meridian, Miss., and the couple has two sons, Jamison and Jay, a member of the Bulldog football team.





GREG KNOX



Running Backs



When he walked into the doors at Mississippi State, Greg Knox found one of the best running backs in school history waiting for him. All Knox did was help Anthony Dixon reach even greater heights than imaginable. During his senior season, Knox mentored Dixon as he rushed for a school record 1,391 yards and 12 touchdowns. But it wasn't only the All-SEC tailback that thrived under Knox's guidance, as the running backs combined for more than 2,000 yards as the Bulldogs led the conference in rushing yards.

Prior to his arrival at Mississippi State, Knox had spent the last 14 seasons coaching in the Southeastern Conference and nearly 20 years coaching offense on the collegiate level. He came to Mississippi State following a 14-year stretch as head coach Tommy Tuberville's wide receivers coach at both Ole Miss and Auburn. Knox was also the recruiting coordinator for the last 13 of those seasons.

A veteran of nine postseason bowl games, Knox helped lead the Auburn offense to the top of the SEC in scoring in both 2004 and 2005. He has tutored six players selected in the National Football League draft.

He helped Ole Miss reach the 1997 Motor City Bowl, and was part of Auburn coaching staffs that finished football seasons in the 2001 Citrus and Peach Bowls, 2003 Capital One and Music City Bowls, the 2005 Sugar Bowl, the '06 Capital One Bowl, and the 2007 Cotton and Chick-fil-A postseason classics.

Of the six players that he has had selected in the NFL draft, three came in just two years while at Auburn (Courtney Taylor in 2007, and Ben Obomanu and Devin Aromashodu in 2006). Knox helped Taylor become the school's all-time leader in receptions, and Obomanu finish second in touchdown receptions.

After earning his bachelor's degree while playing quarterback for Northeastern State, Knox began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1988. Knox spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Northeastern State and two at Texas Christian before being named to the staff at Stephen F. Austin in 1992.

In three seasons on the Lumberjacks staff as the receivers

and special teams coach, Knox helped a program that had won only three games in the previous two seasons to the 1993 I-AA playoffs and a top-25 ranking the following season.

A native of Rosebud, Texas, Knox is married to the former Toralyn Foster, and the couple has three sons, Gregory, Torian and Tyson.



Coaching Career

1999-2008: Auburn (WRs / Recruiting Coordinator)
 1996-98: Ole Miss (WRs / Recruiting Coordinator)
 1995: Ole Miss (Wide Receivers)
 1992-94: Stephen F. Austin (WRs / Special Teams)
 1990-91: TCU (Graduate Assistant)
 1988-89: Northeastern State (Graduate Assistant)

Personal

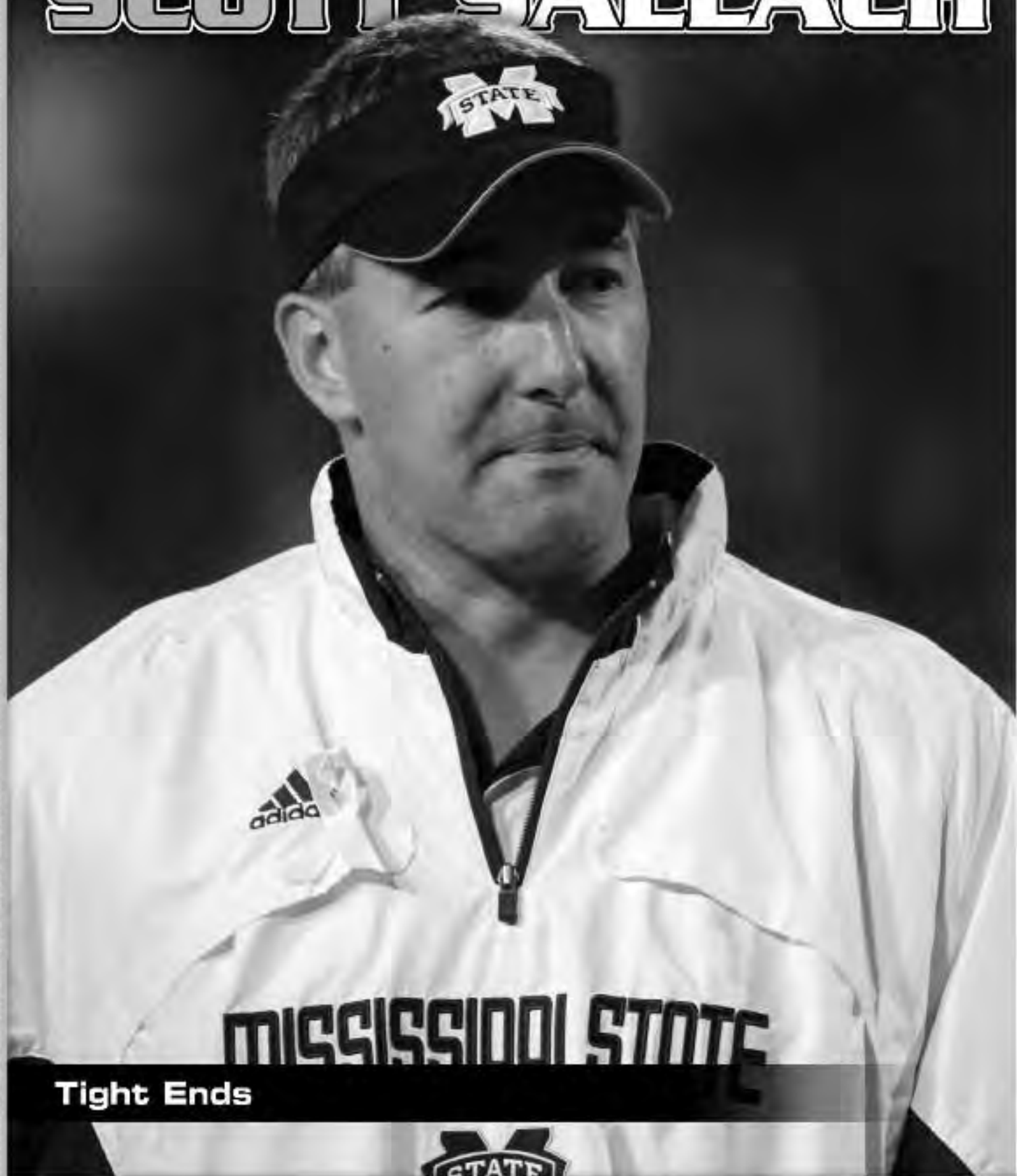
Birthdate: September 10, 1963
Hometown: Rosebud, Texas
Education: 1986 - Bachelor's from Northeastern State
 1990 - Master's from Northeastern State
Family: Married to the former Toralyn Foster
Children: Gregory, Torian and Tyson



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SCOTT SALLACH



Tight Ends

Head coach Dan Mullen brought in his old college teammate, Scott Sallach, to coach tight ends for the Bulldogs' offense after Sallach spent the previous 11 seasons in the Ivy League.

In 2009, Sallach helped tight end Marcus Green learn the spread attack and in his first season Green finished second on the team with 27 receptions for 306 yards.

A veteran of more than 15 years coaching on the collegiate level, Sallach came to Mississippi State after a six-year stint at Princeton, where he coached wide receivers and quarterbacks. He added the title of passing game coordinator prior to the 2008 season.

During his time at the Ivy League school, he oversaw two of the top four career passing yardage totals and two of the best five season passing yardage efforts as passing game coordinator. He coached two of the top seven all-time receivers at Princeton, and in his six seasons coached nine all-league performers, one of whom gained all-America recognition.

Before his stop at Princeton, Sallach worked at Dartmouth College for five seasons (1998-2002), Monmouth for three seasons (1995-97) and Hamilton College for one season (1994).

At Dartmouth, he coached the wide receivers while assisting with the special teams, specializing in kickoffs and kickoff returns.

During his tenure with the Big Green, the school set school records for completions in a game and season, and passing yards in a season. His instruction assisted a Dartmouth receiver become the institution's all-time top pass-catcher for a single game, a season and a career. Sallach also tutored the school's single season leader in kickoff returns.

While at Dartmouth, Sallach's receivers posted five of the school's best six single-game receiving totals, the top two single-game and career receivers, and two of the top three career receiving yardage leaders.

Sallach who, along with Mullen graduated from Ursinus College in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science, took his first football job at Hamilton College in 1994 as an assistant coach. After one season there, he spent three years at Monmouth as an assistant coach. In both positions, Sallach was responsible for coaching wide receivers.

Coaching Career

2008:	Princeton (Passing Game Coordinator / Wide Receivers / Quarterbacks)
2003-07:	Princeton (WRs / Quarterbacks)
1998-2002:	Dartmouth (WRs / Special Teams)
1995-97:	Monmouth (Wide Receivers)
1994:	Hamilton (Wide Receivers)

Personal

Birthdate: December 13, 1971
Hometown: Bound Brook, N.J.
Education: 1994 - Bachelor's in Exercise and Sports Science from Ursinus





MELVIN SMITH



Cornerbacks/Nickelbacks

Mississippi State head coach Dan Mullen retained Melvin Smith from the previous coaching staff, and Smith has proven to be a good fit with the new group. A coach with deep Mississippi connections and proven recruiting ability, Smith coached the cornerbacks in 2007-08 after coaching the entire secondary in 2006.

In 2009, Smith mentored a young group yet the Mississippi State secondary led the SEC with 17 interceptions on the season. Led by then-freshman Corey Broomfield's six picks, the corners improved as the season progressed. For his efforts, Broomfield was named Freshman All-Southeastern Conference.

Smith returned to Mississippi State in 2006 after spending time at both Alabama and Texas A&M. In just his second season back on the campus, Smith helped the MSU pass defense rank fourth in the SEC, allowing just 182.2 yards per game, sixth in pass efficiency defense (114.8). The Bulldogs improved their interception total from 12 to 15.

For Smith, returning to MSU was a homecoming, not only to the university but to the state of Mississippi. A native of Taylorsville, Miss., who grew up in Magee, Miss., Smith was an assistant football coach previously at State for seven years (1995-2001), helping guide the Bulldogs through arguably the greatest period in the school's football history. The 25-year coaching veteran has spent 21 of those years working in the Magnolia State.

Smith came back to Mississippi State following three seasons at Texas A&M, where he coached the safeties. During his tenure in College Station, Texas, Smith helped the Aggies to a 7-4 regular season record in 2004 and a berth in the 2005 Cotton Bowl.

Prior to his stint at A&M and immediately following his

seven years at MSU, Smith coached the safeties at Alabama in 2002. That Crimson Tide team posted a 10-3 regular season record that year.

In 2000, three of his four defensive backfield starters signed professional football contracts. That secondary intercepted 19 passes, the second-most in school history.

Smith has also coached on the collegiate level in Mississippi at Ole Miss (1992-94) and Delta State (1990-91). He began his coaching career on the high school level at Greenwood (Miss.) from 1982-89.

Smith holds a master's degree in administration from Delta State (1992) and a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Millsaps College. Smith is married to the former Sheilah McLemore and the couple has four children, sons Robert and Melvin, and daughters Deondra and Ashlee.



Coaching Career

2007-08:	Mississippi State (Cornerbacks)
2006:	Mississippi State (Secondary)
2003-05:	Texas A&M (Safeties)
2002:	Alabama (Safeties)
1996-2001:	Mississippi State (Defensive Backs)
1995:	Mississippi State (Wide Receivers)
1992-94:	Ole Miss (Tight Ends / Wide Receivers)
1991:	Delta State (Defensive Coordinator / LBs)
1990:	Delta State University (Defensive Backs)
1982-89:	Greenwood [MS] HS

Personal

Birthdate: February 1, 1958
Hometown: Magee, Miss.
Education: 1982 - Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education from Millsaps
 1992 - Master's in Administration from Delta State
Family: . . . Married to the former Sheilah McLemore
Children: Robert, Melvin, Deondra and Ashlee



MATT BALIS



Head Strength Coach



Since the moment he was hired, head coach Dan Mullen has often referred to Matt Balis as the most important part of his program. The head coach has also called his head strength and conditioning coach “the best strength coach in the country.”

Balis came to Starkville from the University of Virginia, where he served two years as the strength and conditioning coach for the Cavaliers football program.

Prior to his stint in Charlottesville, Balis previously served as the assistant director of strength and conditioning at Florida in 2005 and 2006. The Florida football team completed the 2006 season with a 13-1 record and won the Southeastern Conference Championship and the BCS National Championship.

Before joining the staff at Florida, Balis worked two years as the director of strength and conditioning for the entire 16-sport program in 2004. Balis was directly in charge of designing and implementing strength and conditioning programs for football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, baseball and volleyball. The football team completed the 2004 season with an overall record of 12-0 and won the Fiesta Bowl. He served as assistant strength coach at Utah in 2003.

Balis was also an assistant strength coach at Houston for two years and before moving to the college level, he was an assistant football coach and worked in the area of strength and conditioning at Wheaton (Ill.) Warrenville South High School for two years and at Wheaton (Ill.) North High School for three years. He also taught physical education at the elementary school level during that five-year period.

Coaching Career

2007-08:	Virginia (Director of Strength and Conditioning)
2005-06:	Florida (Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning)
2004:	Utah (Director of Strength and Conditioning)
2003:	Utah (Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning)
2001-02:	Houston (Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning)
1998-2001:	Wheaton (Chicago) North High School (Assistant Coach)
1996-98:	Wheaton (Chicago) Warrenville South High School (Assistant Coach)

Personal

Birthdate:	April 27, 1972
Hometown:	Chicago, Ill.
Education:	1996 - Bachelor’s in Physical Education from Northern Illinois 2001 - Master’s in Education Administration from Aurora University
Family:	Married to the former Lanette Francis
Children:	Jacob



Balis earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Northern Illinois University in 1996 and a master’s degree in educational leadership and administration from Aurora University in 2001.

Balis is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCC), and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, and a certified strength and conditioning coach.



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



ROCKEY FELKER



Director of Player Personnel/High School Relations

As he begins his fifth different decade with an association to Mississippi State football, Rocky Felker is living proof that persistence, loyalty and hard work pay dividends. Felker played at Mississippi State in the 1970s, served as head coach from 1986-1990 and returned to the Bulldog staff in 2004.

Head coach Dan Mullen has directed Felker with a new charge, serving as Director of Player Personnel and High School Relations. It will be Felker's second stint in an off field role, having served as the staff's coordinator of football operations for both Jackie Sherrill and Sylvester Croom. For the previous two seasons, Felker tutored the Bulldog running backs, helping guide Anthony Dixon to nearly 2,000 yards in those two years.

Felker was the nation's youngest collegiate head coach – at age 33 – when he was selected to guide the MSU football program in 1986. He directed the Bulldogs to a 6-5 mark in his first season at the helm, the school's first winning season in five years. Felker's team won road games at Syracuse and at defending SEC champion Tennessee during that '86 season, and he became the first State head football coach to post a winning record in his initial season since the legendary Darrell Royal in 1954. Felker served as State's head football coach through the 1990 season.

He came back to State as the school's head coach following 11 years as an assistant coach on the collegiate level. Immediately prior to rejoining the MSU program, he was an assistant at Alabama from 1983-85. He served as the Crimson Tide receivers coach in 1983-84 and the offensive backfield coach in '85. During his stay in Tuscaloosa, he helped Alabama to postseason bowl wins over Southern Methodist ('83 Sun Bowl) and Southern California ('85 Aloha Bowl).

Felker began his coaching career at Mississippi State following his playing days, working for head coach Bob Tyler. He worked with the junior varsity (1975) and the varsity receivers, quarterbacks and running backs (1976-78).

A native of Jackson, Tenn., Felker was a five-sport letterman at



Brownsville (Tenn.) High School, earning all-state honors in football under the tutelage of his father, Edwin "Babe" Felker, an assistant coach at the school.

Felker's first association with Mississippi State came in December 1970, when he signed a football scholarship to play quarterback for the Bulldogs. After playing one year of freshman ball, he was under center for most of the next three seasons. In 1974, Felker led MSU to a 9-3 overall record, leading the SEC in total offense and directing the Bulldogs to a win over North Carolina in the Sun Bowl. He was named the Nashville Banner SEC Player of the Year and the Birmingham Post-Herald Outstanding Senior Player for his stellar final season.

Following his five years as head coach at MSU, Felker worked nine more years as an assistant coach. He had two terms as the offensive coordinator at the University of Tulsa (1991-92 and 1997-99) and spent four years on the coaching staff at the University of Arkansas, working three seasons (1994-96) as the school's offensive coordinator.

While at Arkansas, Felker coached the running backs in 1993, then tutored the quarterbacks the next three years. He helped the Razorbacks win the SEC Western Division title and earn a berth in the '95 SEC Championship Game. The Razorbacks concluded that season with a bid to the Carquest Bowl in Miami, Fla.

Felker is married to the former Susan Tingle and they have three sons, Jay, David and Stephen.



Coaching Career

1975-78:	Receivers/Running Backs Coach, Mississippi State University
1979-80:	Assistant Coach, Texas Tech University
1981-82:	Assistant Coach, Memphis State University
1983-85:	Assistant Coach, University of Alabama
1986-90:	Head Coach, Mississippi State University
1991-92:	Offensive Coordinator, University of Tulsa
1993-96:	Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator, University of Arkansas
1997-99:	Offensive Coordinator, University of Tulsa
2002-06:	Coordinator of Football Operations, Mississippi State University
2007-08:	Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator, Mississippi State University
2009-:	Director of Player Personnel/High School Relations, Mississippi State University

Personal

Birthdate: February 1, 1953
Hometown: Brownsville, Tenn.
Education: . 1975 - Bachelor's from Mississippi State
Family: Married to the former Susan Tingle
Children: Jay, David and Stephen



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Titus BROWN

6-3 • 245 • Linebacker • Cleveland Browns • Years Pro: 2
Free Agent Signee 2008 • Hometown: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Pro Career: Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the Miami Dolphins in May 2008 . . . Signed by the Cleveland Browns in September 2008 and added to the active roster in November . . . Played in four games during his rookie season, making one tackle... Played in one game for the Browns in 2009.

MSU Career: Played in 44 of a possible 47 games for the Bulldogs, earning a total of 30 starts – 25 as a defensive end from his sophomore through his senior seasons, after gaining five at middle linebacker as a freshman . . . Recorded 170 total tackles during his college career, including 37 for loss (minus 172 yards), 18.5 of which were quarterback sacks (minus 114 yards). . . Returned one fumble recovery 44 yards and registered a blocked field . . . Also credited with four pass break ups and three caused fumbles.

2007: Earned second-team, all-Southeastern Conference recognition by both the league's coaches and the Associated Press . . . Started all 12 regular season games during his senior season . . . Made 43 tackles, including 13.5 for loss (minus 69 yards), eight of which were quarterback sacks (minus 48 yards) . . . Registered a tackle for loss in 10 games . . . He finished fourth in the SEC in sacks and eighth in the league in tackles for loss . . . Forced a pair of fumbles and batted down one pass at the line of scrimmage . . . Had a season-best eight tackles, one and one-half of which came behind the line, in the regular season-ending win over Ole Miss.

2006: Named secondteam, all-Southeastern Conference by both the league's coaches and the Associated Press . . . Played in all 12 games, starting 11 times . . . Registered 38 total tackles, with 14.5 tackles for loss (minus 75 yards), seven and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 54 yards) . . . Had tackles for loss in nine games and sacks in seven . . . Finished third in the SEC in TFLs, fifth in sacks. . . Forced one fumble, deflected one pass and blocked a kick . . . Had six tackles, two for loss, one of which was a sack, in the mid-season homecoming win over Jacksonville State.

2005: Played in 10 games as a sophomore, earning two starts at defensive end . . . Made 30 tackles, including five and one-half for loss (minus 21 yards), one and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 8 yards) . . . Had a pass deflection and returned a fumble 44 yards . . . Made a season-best seven tackles, including one and one-half for loss, against Alabama.

2004: Named Freshman All-SEC by both *The Sporting News* magazine and in a vote of the SEC head coaches . . . Played in nine games during his first season on campus, earning five starts at middle linebacker from mid-season on . . . Totaled 59 tackles during the year, including three and one-half for loss (minus 7 yards), one and one-half of which was a quarterback sack (minus 4 yards) . . . Also had a pass deflection . . . Had a career-best 18 tackles, including one-half sack, against Arkansas . . . That was the most tackles in a game by a Bulldog since Mario Haggan had 20 stops vs. Arkansas in 2000.





Eric BUTLER

6-2 • 255 • Tight End • St. Louis Rams • Years Pro: 1
Free Agent Signee 2008 • Hometown: Moss Point, Miss.



Pro Career: Signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Rams in 2008 . . . Originally signed a contract as an undrafted free agent with the New York Giants following his Mississippi State career...Spent time on the Rams practice squad in 2009.

MSU Career: Played in 45 games during his Bulldog career, earning 29 starting calls at the tight end position. . . Caught 50 passes for 635 yards, a 12.7-yard average, and eight touchdowns . . . His eight TD catches tied for 11th all-time at State . . . In just his first season, he became the school's single-season touchdown receptions leader for a tight end . . . In his second, he became the school's career leader in that category . . . Made a career-high, single game best four catches three times in his career (Arkansas in 2004, Georgia in '05, and Ole Miss in '06).

2007: Played in all 13 games during his senior season, starting six times at tight end . . . Had eight catches for 71 yards, an 8.9-yard average, during his final campaign.

2006: Played in 11 games during his junior season, earning six starts. . . Had 13 receptions for a career singleseason high 210 yards, a 16.2-yard average, and one touchdown.

2005: Played in all 11 games, with eight starts during his sophomore campaign . . . Caught 14 passes for 188 yards, a 13.4-yard average, and three touchdowns.

2004: Named Freshman All-SEC by both The Sporting News magazine and in a vote of the SEC head coaches. . . Played in all but one game (10 of 11) . . . Started nine times . . . Had a career best singleseason high 15 catches as a redshirt freshman for 166 yards, an 11.1-yard average, and four touchdowns.

2003: Sat out his true freshman season as a redshirt.





Jamar CHANEY

6-0 • 242 • Linebacker • Philadelphia Eagles • Years Pro: 1 • Drafted by Philadelphia in 2010 • 7th Round, 220th Overall • Hometown: Fort Pierce, Fla.

PRO CAREER:

Drafted in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

MSU CAREER:

Earned immediate playing time from the outset of his collegiate career at linebacker

for Mississippi State . . . Played in 49 games during his playing career for the Bulldogs, one that was interrupted early in his senior season by injury . . . Earned 39 starting assignments at the linebacker position . . . Made 288 total tackles while at State, including four and one-half quarterback sacks . . . Also credited with three forced fumbles . . . Came to MSU following a standout high school career in the state of Florida.

2009: Named second-team All-SEC after leading the team in 2009 with 90 total tackles. . . Registered 4.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions, four pass deflections and two forced fumbles.

2008: Started the only game he played during an injury shortened season . . . Had 12 tackles in that brief appearance, the third double-digit tackle performance in his career . . . Suffered a broken leg on the next-to-last play of the season opener and a medical redshirt

was requested to regain his final year of eligibility.

2007: Earned second-team, All-SEC by the league's coaches . . . Played in all 13 games for Mississippi State during his junior campaign, earning 12 starts at the middle linebacker position . . . Led the Bulldogs with 89 total tackles, including three and one-half for loss (minus 5 yards) . . . Tied for 15th in the SEC in tackles per game (6.8) . . . Was also credited with four pass deflections . . . Led or tied for the team lead in tackles in five games . . . He posted two double-digit tackle games on the season . . . Led the club with a career-high 14 tackles, including one for loss (minus 1 yard) at Arkansas in Week 11 . . . It was his second career double-digit tackle game and the most tackles by a Bulldog since Titus Brown had 18 tackles against Arkansas in 2004.

2006: Opened his sophomore season at the top of the depth chart at weak-side linebacker . . . Played in all 12 games, starting 11 times at outside linebacker . . . Finished third on the club with 66 total tackles, including seven and one-half for loss (minus 27 yards), two and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 17 yards) . . . Also credited with a forced fumble.

2005: Played in all 11 games during his true freshman season, earning three starting calls at weakside linebacker to close the campaign . . . Made 31 total tackles on the season.



Quinton CULBERSON

6-1 • 244 • Linebacker • Carolina Panthers • Years Pro: 3
Free Agent Signee 2007 • Hometown: Jackson, Miss.

Pro Career: Signed with the St. Louis Rams as a free agent in April 2007 . . . Played in 30 games during his first two pro seasons, earning 11 starts, after making the team as a non-drafted free agent . . . Started the season-ending game of his rookie season vs. Arizona and responded with a season-high 11 hits against the Cardinals . . . Started 10 times in 2008 and

responded with 50 tackles . . . Saw playing time for both the Rams and Panthers in 2009 . . . Played in one game, recording a tackle for St. Louis and followed with seven combined tackles in five games with the Panthers...Has recorded 74 tackles, forced two fumbles, and had two pass deflections during his young career.

MSU Career: Played in 42 games for the Bulldogs, earning starts at inside linebacker, both outside linebacker positions, and in the secondary during his career . . . Started 36 times for the MSU defense . . . Started all 23 games at inside linebacker from his junior season through the end of his career, the final five games of his sophomore campaign at outside linebacker, and all eight of the games in which he saw action as a freshman at cornerback . . . Became the first true freshman to start for the Bulldogs since 1986 . . . Made 278 tackles, including 13.5 for loss (minus 45 yards), two of which were quarterback sacks (minus 16 yards) . . . Intercepted four passes (86 yards), returning two for touchdowns, and broke up 14 passes . . . His two interception returns for score tied a school record in that category . . . Also was credited with four caused fumbles and a fumble recovery.

2006: Named first-team, all- Southeastern Conference by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches . . . Started all 12 games at inside linebacker and led the team with 102 tackles on the season, including nine for loss (minus 27 yards), one of which was a quarterback sack (minus 9 yards) . . . His tackle total was third-best in the SEC . . . Intercepted two passes for 51 yards, returning one for a touchdown . . . Also broke up six passes . . . Credited with one forced fumble and one recovery.

2005: Started all 11 games for MSU at inside linebacker . . . Led the club and finished 10th in the SEC with 78 total tackles, including one and one-half for loss (minus 9 yards), one of which was a quarterback sack (minus 7 yards) . . . Forced one fumble and registered one pass interception.

2004: Played in all 11 games for State, starting the final five of his sophomore season at outside linebacker . . . Tallied 56 tackles, with one pass interception return (35-yard touchdown return), two pass deflections and a caused fumble.

2003: Named Freshman All-SEC by both *The Sporting News* magazine and in a vote of the SEC head coaches . . . Started the first eight games of the season at one cornerback position . . . Had his first season on campus interrupted by a broken leg . . . Concluded the year with 42 tackles, including three for loss (minus 9 yards) and a team-leading six pass deflections . . . Also credited with one caused fumble . . . Became the first Bulldog true freshman to start the opening game of his career in 17 years when he was on the field for the first snap in State's season opener with Oregon.





Anthony DIXON

6-0 • 233 • Running Back • San Francisco 49ers • Years Pro: 1 • Drafted by San Francisco in 2010 • Sixth Round, 173rd Pick • Hometown: Jackson, Miss.

PRO CAREER: Got off to a fast start during summer workouts with the team . . . Was selected in the sixth round of the 2010 draft by the San Francisco 49ers.

MSU Career: Left

Mississippi State as the school's all-time leader in nearly every offensive rushing category . . . Set career marks for rushing yards (3,994), attempts (910), rushing touchdowns (42), 100-yard games (17), total touchdowns (46), points scored (276) and all-purpose yardage (4,443) . . . Also topped the school record books for single-season rushing yards (1,391 in 2009) and 100-yard games (eight).

2009: All-Southeastern Conference performer . . . Led the league and finished sixth nationally in rushing yards per game with an average of 126.5 . . . Set school single-game rushing record with 252 yards in win over Kentucky . . . Only the second rushing total over 250 yards in the SEC since 1996 . . . Eight games of 100+ rushing yards on the season . . . Had three rushes of over 50 yards (all TDs) and seven over 20 yards.

2008: Started all 12 games at tailback during his junior season . . . Led the club and finished fifth in the Southeastern Conference by rushing 197 times for 869 yards, a 4.4-yard per carry average, and seven touchdowns . . . Exceeded the 100-yard rushing mark three times during the season . . . Also caught 20 passes for 117 yards, a 5.8-yard average, and two more scores.

2007: Played in all 13 games, starting 12 times during his sophomore campaign . . . Rushed 287 times for 1,066 yards, a 3.7-yard average, and 14 touchdowns . . . He became just the seventh back (ninth occurrence) in school history and the first Bulldog sophomore ever to surpass 1,000 yards rushing in a single season and his attempts set a State single season record . . . Finished seventh in the SEC in rushing yards per game (82.0) and 10th in scoring (7.4 points per game) . . . He was third in the league in scoring touchdowns (14), second among all running backs . . . His rushing attempts easily eclipsed the previous MSU record (236; James Johnson, 1998) and his rushing yardage was sixth-most on the single-season chart . . . His 14 TDs were the second most ever in one year at MSU . . . Also caught 14 passes for 167 yards, a 11.9-yard average, and two more scores.

2006: Pressed into service from the outset of his true freshman season in the running back rotation . . . Played in all 12 games of his first year, starting five times . . . Led the team with 668 yards on 169 carries, a 4.0-yard per rush average, and nine touchdowns during his first season on campus . . . His rushing attempts, yards gained rushing, and touchdowns rushing, all marked true freshman records at Mississippi State.





Kevin DOCKERY

5-8 • 188 • Defensive Back • St. Louis Rams • Years Pro: 5
Free Agent Signee in 2006 • Hometown: Hernando, Miss.

Pro Career: Signed with the St. Louis Rams in 2010 . . . Has played in 51 games during his first four years. . . Started six times during his second season at the pro level and once in 2008 . . . Has made 149 tackles during his career and deflected 23 passes . . . Has made three career interceptions, returning them 144 yards, including one

96 yards for a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys during his rookie season.

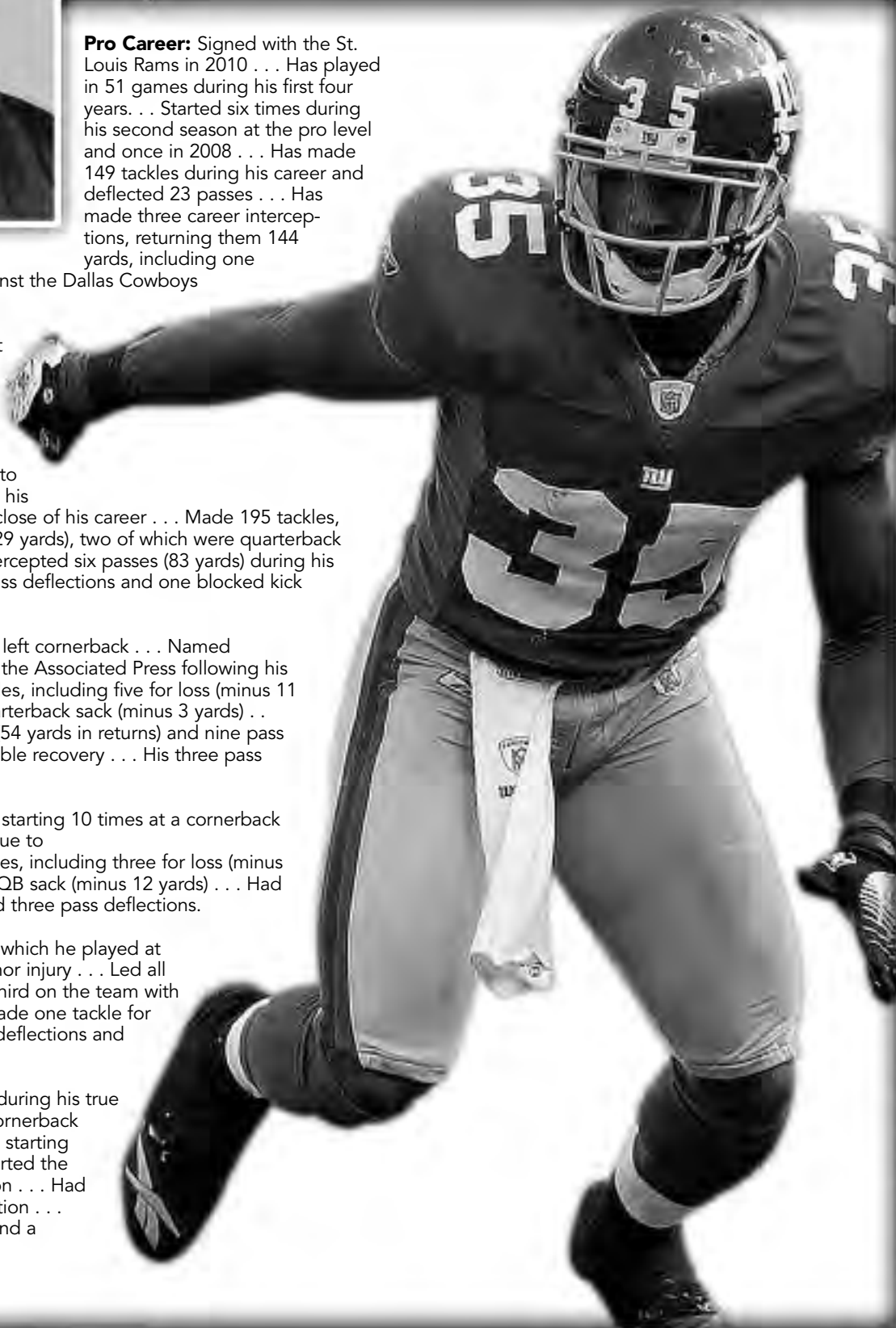
MSU Career: Played in all but two games of his Bulldog career (44 of 46 games) and started 38 times at either cornerback or one of the safety positions . . . Only missed starting one time (due to minor injury) from midway into his freshman season through the close of his career . . . Made 195 tackles, including nine for loss (minus 29 yards), two of which were quarterback sacks (minus 15 yards) and intercepted six passes (83 yards) during his career . . . Credited with 22 pass deflections and one blocked kick (12-yard return).

2005: Started all 11 games at left cornerback . . . Named honorable mention all-SEC by the Associated Press following his senior season . . . Had 53 tackles, including five for loss (minus 11 yards), one of which was a quarterback sack (minus 3 yards) . . . Had three pass interceptions (54 yards in returns) and nine pass deflections . . . Also had a fumble recovery . . . His three pass thefts tied for fifth in the SEC.

2004: Played in all 11 games, starting 10 times at a cornerback position . . . Missed one start due to minor injury . . . Made 43 tackles, including three for loss (minus 14 yards), one of which was a QB sack (minus 12 yards) . . . Had one interception (14 yards) and three pass deflections.

2003: Started all 10 games in which he played at safety, missing only due to minor injury . . . Led all defensive backs and finished third on the team with a career-high 70 tackles . . . Made one tackle for loss (minus 4 yards), five pass deflections and one interception.

2002: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman season, starting at cornerback seven times . . . Broke into the starting lineup near midseason and started the final seven games of the season . . . Had 29 tackles and a pass interception . . . Also had five pass break ups and a blocked kick.





Ronald FIELDS

6-2 • 315 • Nose Tackle • Denver Broncos • Years Pro: 5 • Drafted by San Francisco 49ers in 2005 • Fifth Round, 137th Pick • Hometown: Bogalusa, La.



Pro Career: Started all 16 games for the Broncos in 2009 . . . Posted 37 tackles on the season . . . After being selected in the fifth round of the 2005 National Football League draft, he broke into the starting lineup on the 49er defensive line during Week 6 of the 2006 season . . . Maintained the starter's role until going on the injured reserve list on Dec. 21 and missing the final two games of the '06 season . . . Has now played in 65 games as a pro, including all 16 in each of the last three seasons . . . Signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Denver Broncos in 2009.

MSU Career: Earned all-SEC recognition during his Bulldog career . . . Played in all 46 games during his college career, earning 36 starting calls on the defensive line . . . Started 24 straight times at nose tackle or defensive tackle from the final game of his sophomore season until the end of his MSU career . . . Had 172 tackles, including 16.5 for loss (minus 28 yards) and one quarterback sack (minus 5 yards) . . . Caused two fumbles and recovered one.

2004: Named first-team, all-SEC by the Associated Press following his senior season . . . Started all 11 games that year . . . Made a career-best 57 tackles, including seven and one-half for loss (minus 12 yards).

2003: Started all 12 games for the Bulldogs during his junior campaign . . . Had 52 tackles, including four and one-half for loss (minus 11 yards), one of which was a quarterback sack (minus 5 yards) . . . Caused a pair of fumbles and recovered one.

2002: Started 10 of the 12 games he played for MSU on the defensive line during his sophomore season . . . Registered 41 tackles, including one and one-half for loss (minus 2 yards).

2001: Played in all 11 games during his true freshman season for the Bulldogs, earning three starts along the defensive front . . . Credited with 22 tackles, including three for loss (minus 3 yards).



Justin GRIFFITH

6-0, 230 • Fullback • Houston Texans • Years Pro: 7 • Drafted by Atlanta Falcons in 2003 • 4th Round, 121st Pick • Hometown: Magee, Miss.

Pro Career: Joined the Texans during the 2010 offseason . . . Played in 13 games with 11 starts for the Seattle Seahawks a year ago . . . Following a career-opening five-year stay in Atlanta, he signed with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent on March 10, 2007 . . . Has now played in 96 career games and started 73 times . . . Has rushed 94 times for 413 yards, a 4.4-yard per carry average and one touchdown, and added 141 pass receptions for 989 yards and 12 TDs . . . Drew a starting assignment in the first game of his rookie year with Atlanta Falcons in 2003 . . . Has started at least 11 games in six of his pro seasons . . . Rushed for a career-high 168 yards in '03 . . . Had a career-best 220 yards receiving in '04, but a career-high 26 receptions in 2007.

MSU Career: Played in 42 games during his Bulldog career and started 28 times (includes bowl games) . . . Played in both the 1999 Peach and 2000 Independence Bowls . . . Rushed 213 times for 852 yards (4.0 average) and scored 10 touchdowns . . . Caught 85 passes for 937 yards (11.0 average) and four more TDs . . . Finished his career seventh on the school's all-time receiving list, the most catches by a running back in school history . . . Also holds the school's single-season reception record for a running back (37 in 1999) . . . Selected to play in both the Senior Bowl and Hula Bowl all-star classics following his senior season . . . Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for his academic excellence and to the SEC Good Works team for his volunteer service in the community during his college career.

2002: Started all 12 games for the Bulldogs in the offensive backfield . . . Led the team by rushing 91 times for 471 yards, a 5.2-yard per carry average, and two touchdowns . . . Also caught 19 passes for 199 yards, tops among all running backs.

2001: Played in just five games with three starting calls during an injury shortened junior season . . . Rushed 13 times for 40 yards (3.1 average) and caught 10 passes for 118 yards.

2000: Played in all 12 games with a pair of starting assignments as a sophomore . . . Rushed 44 times for 136 yards (3.1 average) and caught 19 passes for 240 yards (12.6 average) and two touchdowns.

1999: Started all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season . . . Rushed 62 times for 196 yards (3.2 yards) and five touchdowns . . . Set an MSU single-season running back record with 37 receptions for 380 yards (10.3 yards) with two touchdowns during the year . . . Scored seven of his 14 career touchdowns during the season.

1998: Played in one college game, a season-opening win over Vanderbilt, before injury ended his true freshman campaign . . . Granted a medical redshirt to regain that initial year of eligibility.





Mario HAGGAN

6-3 • 263 • Linebacker • Denver Broncos • Years Pro: 7 • Drafted by Buffalo Bills in 2003 • 7th Round, 228th Pick • Hometown: Clarksdale, Miss.



Pro Career: Played five seasons with the Buffalo Bills after being drafted in 2003 before signing as a free agent in 2009 with the Denver Broncos . . . Started all 16 games a year ago for the Broncos . . . Posted a career high 63 tackles on the season . . . Has seen action in 89 career games, including 64 straight from 2004-07 . . . Has made 160 tackles during his career as a linebacker . . . Proved himself in Buffalo as become a special teams stalwart . . . Led the Bills with 22 tackles in that capacity in 2005 . . . Had 20 special teams hits in 2007 . . . Has made three quarterback sacks in his pro career.

MSU Career: Played in 43 games during his Bulldog career, a total that includes both the 1999 Peach and 2000 Independence Bowls . . . Earned 33 starts during his MSU career, missing just one start over the final three years due to injury . . . Made an astounding 359 tackles, including 31.5 for loss (minus 142 yards), 10 of which were quarterback sacks (minus 87 yards) . . . His tackle total was the eighth-most ever at State . . . Had four pass deflections and one pass interception . . . Also credited with five caused fumbles and two recoveries (27 yards in returns), and one touchdown . . . Selected to play in the Senior Bowl all-star classic . . . Earned all-America and all-SEC recognition during his college career.

2002: Named second-team, all-SEC by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches . . . Started all 12 games during his senior season . . . Led the team with 119 tackles, including seven and one-half for loss (minus 17 yards) . . . Posted a team-high three caused fumbles, and made one pass deflection . . . Had seven double-digit tackle games during his final season.

2001: Started all 10 games in which he played during his junior season, missing one game due to injury . . . Led the team with 95 tackles, including a team-high 12 for loss (minus 56 yards), four of which were quarterback sacks (minus 33 yards) . . . Knocked down one pass at the line of scrimmage, playing both defensive end and linebacker.

2000: Named second-team, all-America by both The Sporting News and Rivals.com . . . Named first-team, all-SEC at linebacker by the Associated Press, *The Sporting News*, *Football News* and *College Sports Southeast* . . . Played in all 12 games during his sophomore season, making 11 starts . . . Made 132 tackles on the year, the most tackles by a Bulldog in five years . . . Credited with 10 tackles for loss (minus 58 yards), five of which were sacks (minus 47 yards) . . . Caused two fumbles and recovered two . . . Recorded double-digit tackle games in seven games.

1999: Played in nine games during his redshirt freshman season, making 13 tackles on the year . . . Registered two tackles for loss (minus 11 yards), one being a sack (minus 7 yards).

1998: Redshirted his first season on campus.



Walt HARRIS

5-11 • 199 • Defensive Back • Baltimore Ravens • Years Pro: 14 • Drafted by Chicago Bears in 1996 • 1st Round, 13th Pick • Hometown: LaGrange, Ga.

Pro Career: A 14-year NFL veteran, he begins 2010 with his fifth professional organization . . . Started all 16 games in 2008 for the San Francisco 49ers . . . Signed by the Baltimore Ravens as an unrestricted free

agent . . . Has played in 193 career games with 174 starts to his credit, including 58 starts in the most recent 59 contests . . . Has made 393 career tackles with 35 pass interceptions during his pro career . . . Also credited with 85 passes defended, 20 forced fumbles and 10 fumble recoveries . . . Has scored five touchdowns as a pro, four on interception returns . . . Made a career-high eight pass interceptions during the 2006 season with the San Francisco 49ers . . . Had 13 pass deflections in both 2007 and '08, the second most in his career . . . Intercepted a career-high three passes against the Oakland Raiders in '06 . . . Made a career high 84 tackles during his rookie season with the Chicago Bears in 1997 . . . Also played in Indianapolis (2002-03) and Washington (2004-05).

MSU Career: Twice named first-team, all-SEC in the defensive backfield, he also earned all-America honors during his time in Starkville . . . Played in 43 games during his Bulldog career, earning 36 straight starts from the latter stages of his true freshman season through the end of his career . . . Made 228 tackles as a Bulldog, including six for loss (minus 14 yards) . . . Recorded 16 career interceptions for 162 yards and made 35 pass deflections . . . Credited with six fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles . . . MSU's all-time record holder for interceptions in a career and twice tied the school record for thefts in a season (six as a sophomore and junior).

1995: Named second-team, all-America by the United Press International and first-team, all-SEC by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches following a standout senior season . . . Started all 11 games during his senior campaign, finishing the season with 91 tackles and a team-leading four pass interceptions.

1994: Named third-team, all-America by *College Sports Magazine*, he was a first-team, all-SEC choice by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches . . . Tied for third in the league and fifth nationally with six interceptions . . . Also led the team with 12 pass deflections and with two fumble recoveries, one he returned 46 yards for a TD . . . Made 54 tackles on the year.

1993: Named second-team, all-SEC by the league's coaches following his sophomore

season . . . Finished third in the SEC and ninth nationally with six pass interceptions . . . That was the most pass thefts at State in 24 years . . . Recorded 61 total tackles and led the club in both pass deflections (10) and fumble recoveries (three).

1992: Played in 11 games during his true freshman season, earning starts in the final three games of the year . . . Made 22 tackles with five pass deflections and a forced fumble in his first season on campus.





Justin JENKINS

6-0 • 207 • Wide Receiver • Buffalo Bills • Years Pro: 5
Free Agent Signee 2003 • Hometown: Pearl, Miss.



Pro Career: Played in 12 games last season for Buffalo . . . Returned three kickoffs for 45 yards . . . Signed as an undrafted free agent by the Philadelphia Eagles following his senior season at State . . . Played two years with Philadelphia, the first on the Eagles practice squad . . . Suffered a knee ligament injury in 2006 and sat out the entire season . . . Signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills prior to the '07 campaign . . . Has played in 36 games as a pro, making 18 special teams tackles.

MSU Career: Selected to play in the East-West Shrine Classic at Palo Alto, Calif., following his senior season . . . Earned all-SEC recognition during his career . . . Played in 45 career games for State, earning 31 starting calls at wide receiver . . . Caught 139 passes for 1,974 yards, a 14.2-yard average, 17 touchdowns and two, two-point conversions . . . His 17 scores tied Eric Moulds for the most in a Bulldog career . . . His nine TD catches as a senior were the most in a single season . . . His total number of catches rank third all-time, while his receiving yardage is fourth-best.

2003: Named second-team, all-Southeastern Conference by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches . . . Started all 12 games at split end and led the club with 62 catches for 880 yards, a 14.2-yard average, and nine touchdowns . . . His 62 catches were the most by a Bulldog in eight years (62 by Eric Moulds in 1995) and his 880 yards were the most in 20 years (924 by Danny Knight in 1982) . . . His nine TD catches broke his own school record (eight) that he set as a sophomore.

2002: Started all 10 games in which he saw action during his junior season . . . Was third on the club with 28 catches for 273 yards, with 23 of those receptions and 229 yards coming in SEC play.

2001: Played in all 11 games for State, starting the nine times . . . Led the team with 42 receptions for 661 yards, a 15.7-yard average, and eight touchdowns . . . His eight TD catches set an MSU single-season record . . . His 42 receptions were the ninth-most in a single season at State.

2000: Played in all 12 games during his redshirt freshman season . . . Hauled in seven passes for 160 yards, a 22.9-yard average . . . That average was a team best.



Antonio JOHNSON

6-3 • 310 • Defensive Tackle • Indianapolis Colts • Years Pro: 3 • Drafted by Tennessee Titans in 2007 • Seventh Round, 156th Pick • Hometown: Leland, Miss.

Pro Career: Started in Super Bowl XLIV against the Saints . . . Played in 15 regular season games for the Colts in 2009, earning starts in each of them . . . Posted 34 total tackles with one sack on the season . . . Originally taken by the Tennessee Titans in the 2007 National Football League draft, he was signed off the Tennessee practice squad by the Indianapolis Colts in November 2008 . . . Played in eight games during his first active year, starting four times on the Colt defensive line . . . Also started the Wild Card playoff game against San Diego and had four tackles . . . Totaled 31 tackles on the year during that limited exposure.

MSU Career: Played in 23 games during his Mississippi State career, earning five starting calls along the defensive line . . . Transferred to MSU following a junior college career . . . Totaled 36 tackles at State, including seven for loss (minus 20 yards), two and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 10 yards) . . . Recovered a pair of fumbles and blocked one kick.

2006: Played in all 12 games during his senior season, starting five times . . . Totaled 21 tackles on the year, five of which came behind the line of scrimmage (minus 8 yards) . . . Also credited with a pair of fumble recoveries and one blocked kick . . . Had a career-best single game high four tackles at UAB during his final season on campus.

2005: Played in all 11 games during his junior campaign, working as the top reserve on the interior defensive line . . . Registered 15 tackles on the year, including three for loss (minus 12 yards), two and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 10 yards).





Reggie KELLY

6-4 • 250 • Tight End • Cincinnati Bengals • Years Pro: 11 • Drafted by Atlanta Falcons in 1999 • 2nd Round, 42nd Pick • Hometown: Aberdeen, Miss.

Pro Career: Eleventh-year pro in his seventh Bengals season, Kelly was slated to again fill No. 1 TE spot but was lost for the season to a ruptured Achilles tendon suffered in practice on Aug. 3 . . . Has missed only five starts in the last nine years . . . Has caught 184 career passes for 1,718 yards, a 9.3-yard per reception average, and five

touchdowns . . . Made a career-best 31 catches in 2000 for the Atlanta Falcons, gaining 340 yards and scoring a pair of touchdowns . . . Matched that reception total in 2008 . . . Has caught 20 or more passes in each of the last three seasons.

MSU Career: Saw action in 45 of a possible 46 games during his MSU career . . . Started 23 times . . . Three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll . . . Also named in 1998 to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Athlete Third Team for football, as announced by Black Issues in Higher Education . . . Made 29 career catches for 474 yards, a 16.3-yard average, and two touchdowns . . . Always considered a devastating blocker at the point of attack on the college level.

1998: Started all 12 games for the Bulldogs at tight end during his senior season . . . Made a career-best 12 catches for 140 yards, an 11.7-yard per catch average, and one touchdown.

1997: Played in all 11 games during his junior campaign, earning six starting calls . . . Had 10 pass receptions for 175 yards, a 17.5-yard average, and one score.

1996: Played in all 11 games as a sophomore, gaining three opening assignments – all coming in SEC contests . . . Caught six passes for 135 yards, a team-best 22.5-yard average, including a career-long 69-yarder against Alabama.

1995: Played in 10 games during his initial season on campus, earning one start . . . Caught one pass (24 yards) on the year.





Tommy KELLY

6-6 • 300 • Defensive Tackle • Oakland Raiders • Years Pro: 5
Free Agent Signee 2004 • Hometown: Jackson, Miss.

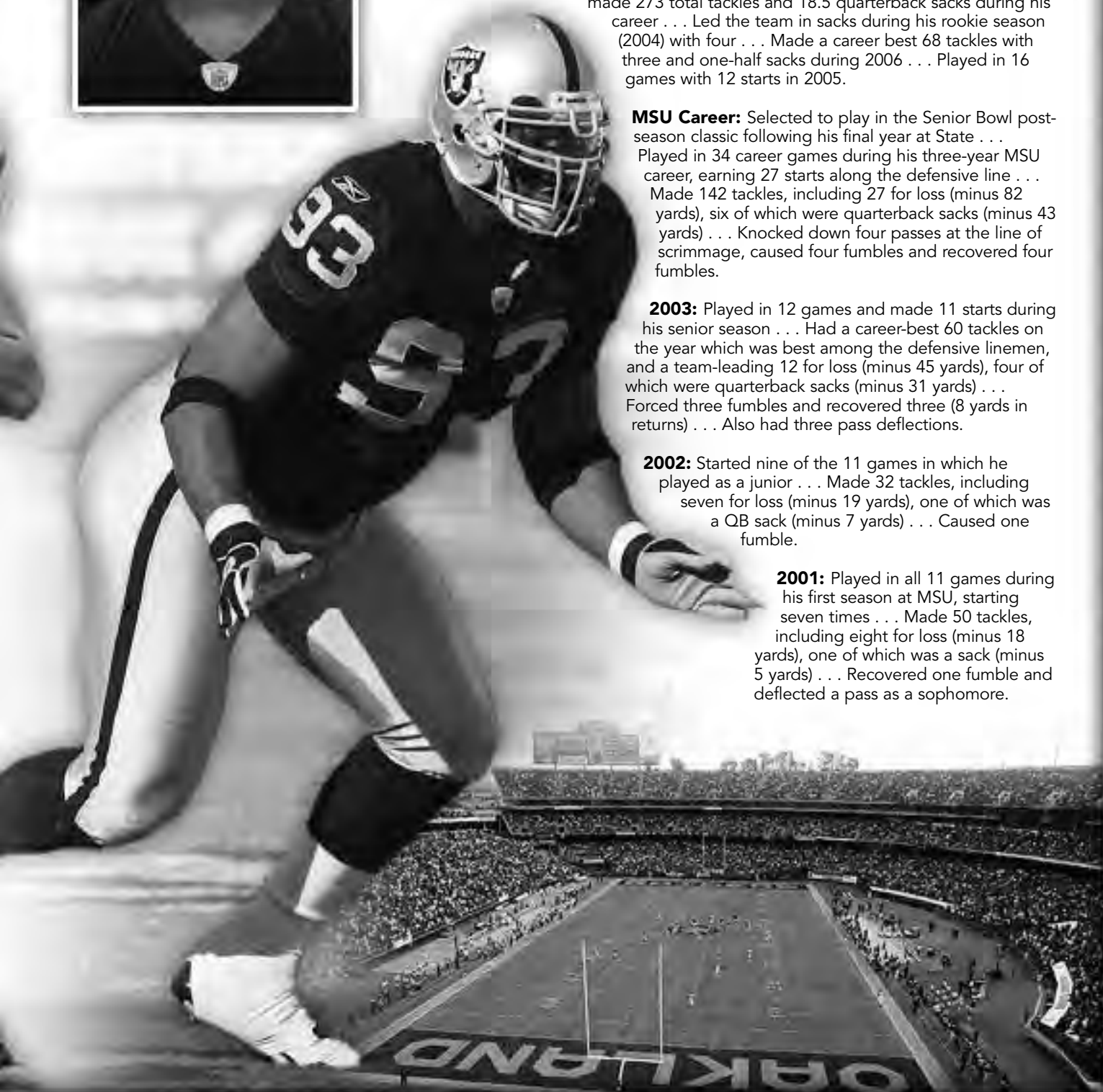
Pro Career: Signed as a free agent with the Oakland Raiders in 2004 . . . Has seen action in 81 league games, starting 69 times . . . Has played all 16 games during four of the last five years, missing time only due to injury, and started 54 of the last 55 . . . Has made 273 total tackles and 18.5 quarterback sacks during his career . . . Led the team in sacks during his rookie season (2004) with four . . . Made a career best 68 tackles with three and one-half sacks during 2006 . . . Played in 16 games with 12 starts in 2005.

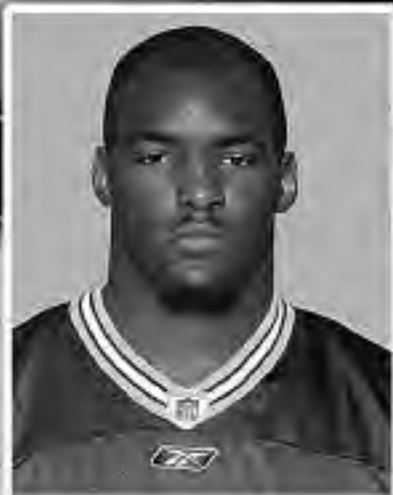
MSU Career: Selected to play in the Senior Bowl post-season classic following his final year at State . . . Played in 34 career games during his three-year MSU career, earning 27 starts along the defensive line . . . Made 142 tackles, including 27 for loss (minus 82 yards), six of which were quarterback sacks (minus 43 yards) . . . Knocked down four passes at the line of scrimmage, caused four fumbles and recovered four fumbles.

2003: Played in 12 games and made 11 starts during his senior season . . . Had a career-best 60 tackles on the year which was best among the defensive linemen, and a team-leading 12 for loss (minus 45 yards), four of which were quarterback sacks (minus 31 yards) . . . Forced three fumbles and recovered three (8 yards in returns) . . . Also had three pass deflections.

2002: Started nine of the 11 games in which he played as a junior . . . Made 32 tackles, including seven for loss (minus 19 yards), one of which was a QB sack (minus 7 yards) . . . Caused one fumble.

2001: Played in all 11 games during his first season at MSU, starting seven times . . . Made 50 tackles, including eight for loss (minus 18 yards), one of which was a sack (minus 5 yards) . . . Recovered one fumble and deflected a pass as a sophomore.





Donald LEE

6-4 • 248 • Tight End • Green Bay Packers • Years Pro: 7 • Drafted by Miami Dolphins in 2003 • 5th Round, 156th Pick • Hometown: Pheba, Miss.

Pro Career: Begins his eighth year in 2009, his sixth with the Green Bay Packers . . . Has played in 109 career games and started 58 times . . . Has started 36 of the last 47 games played . . . Has made 187 pass receptions for 1,802 yards, an 9.6-yard per catch average, and 16 touchdowns . . . Had the best season of his pro career in 2007, catching 48 passes for

575 yards, and six touchdowns . . . Made 39 catches for five TDs in 2008 . . . His first two receptions in a Packer uniform went for TDs in '05 . . . For the fifth time in his career, played all 16 games during the 2009 season . . . After being drafted by the Miami Dolphins in '03, he signed a free agent contract with Green Bay in 2005.

MSU Career: Saw action from the outset of his Bulldog career and moved into the starting lineup by his sophomore season . . . Played in all 47 games during his college career, earning 31 starting assignments at tight end . . . Had 61 catches for 611 yards, a 10.0-yard per catch average, and three touchdowns . . . Was also named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for his work in the classroom.

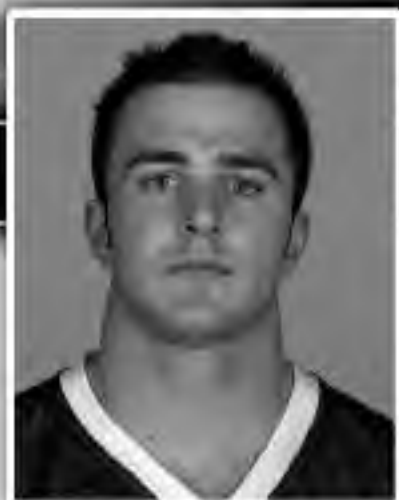
2002: Played in all 12 games and started 10 times during his senior campaign, missing starts only when the team opened in multiple wide receiver formations . . . Caught 22 passes for 161 yards, a 7.3 average, and one TD.

2001: Played in all 11 games during his junior season, starting nine times . . . Hauled in 16 passes for 197 yards, a 12.3-yard average.

2000: Saw action in all 12 contests and drew the starting nod nine times . . . Recorded 19 catches for 204 yards, a 10.7-yard average, and one score.

1999: Played in all 12 games during his true freshman campaign, earning three starts . . . Had four catches for 49 yards.





Lance LONG

5-11 • 186 • Wide Receiver • Kansas City Chiefs • Years Pro: 2
Free Agent Signee 2008 • Hometown: Macomb, Mich.

Pro Career: Signed with the Kansas City Chiefs and played in seven games, earning one start in 2009 . . . Had 20 catches for 178 yards (8.9 avg.) and one rush for a one-yard loss . . . Added six kickoff returns for 106 yards (17.7 avg.) . . . Signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Arizona Cardinals in 2008 . . . Worked on the National Football Conference champion Cardinals' practice squad during the team's run to the Super Bowl a year ago.

MSU Career: Played in all 36 games during his Mississippi State career after transferring from the University of Toledo . . . Earned seven starting calls in the wide receiver rotation during his three-year State career . . . Made 46 catches for 321 yards, a 7-yard per catch average, and one touchdown . . . Also returned nine kickoffs for 115 yards, a 12.8-yard average, and one punt for 4 yards . . . Rushed two times (minus 16 yards), recovered one fumble, and made 15 special teams tackles.

2007: Played in all 13 games during his senior season, earning two starting calls . . . Made 14 receptions for 103 yards, a 7.3-yard average per catch . . . Also returned three kickoffs for 44 yards, nearly 15 yards per runback, and one punt (4 yards) . . . Rushed twice (minus 16 yards) and recorded four special teams tackles.

2006: Played in all 12 games with four starts to his credit . . . Made 25 catches for 177 yards, a 7.1-yard average, and one touchdown . . . Returned a pair of kickoffs (8 yards) and had four special teams tackles . . . Had a career-high, single-game best five catches (37 yards) at LSU.

2005: Played in all 11 games for State, starting one time . . . Caught seven passes for 41 yards, a 5.9-yard average . . . Returned three kickoffs for 48 yards, a 16-yard average, and recovered a fumble on special teams.

2004: Sat out the season at State after transferring from the University of Toledo.





Jerious NORWOOD

5-11 • 202 • Running Back • Atlanta Falcons • Years Pro: 3 • Drafted by Atlanta Falcons in 2006 • 3rd Round, 79th Pick • Hometown: Brandon, Miss.

Pro Career: Selected in the third round by the Atlanta Falcons, he proceeded to have a rookie all-star season at running back . . . Has now played in 55 games, with six starts, including four last year . . . Has rushed 373 times for 1,987 yards, a 5.3-yard average, and seven touchdowns, and caught 95 passes for 903 yards, a 9.5-yard average, and three TDs . . . Caught a career-best 36 passes for 338 yards during '08 . . . Rushed for a career-high 633 yards, a 6.4-yard per carry average, and two touchdowns, as a rookie.

MSU Career: Finished his collegiate career as Mississippi State's all-time leading rusher . . .

Gained 3,222 yards on 573 carries, a 5.6-yard

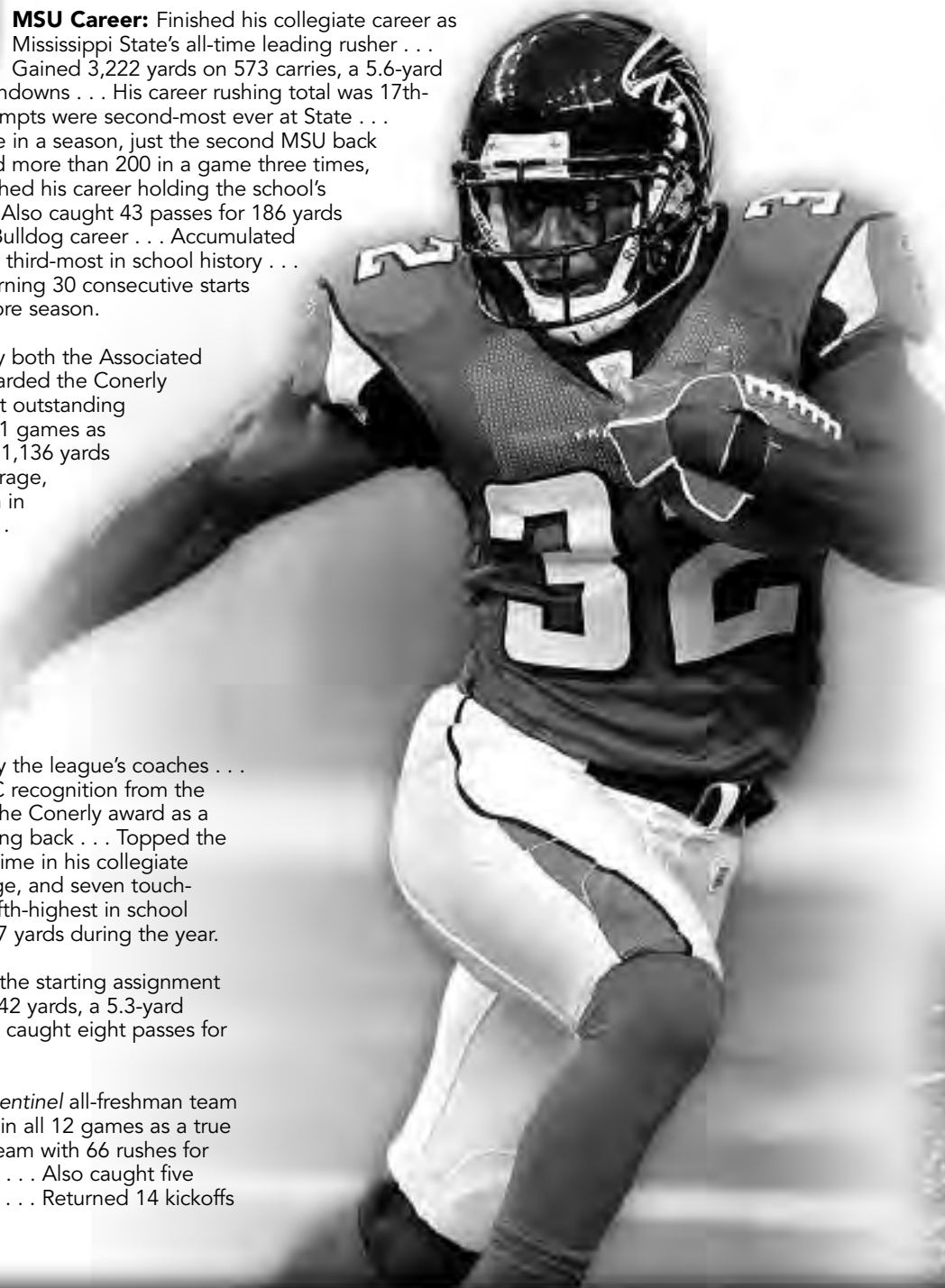
per carry average, and 15 rushing touchdowns . . . His career rushing total was 17th-best in SEC history . . . His rushing attempts were second-most ever at State . . . Rushed for more than 1,000 yards twice in a season, just the second MSU back ever to accomplish that feat . . . Gained more than 200 in a game three times, the only State back to do that . . . Finished his career holding the school's single-game rushing record as well . . . Also caught 43 passes for 186 yards and two more touchdowns during his Bulldog career . . . Accumulated 3,760 all-purpose during his four years, third-most in school history . . . Played in all 46 games of his career, earning 30 consecutive starts dating to midway through his sophomore season.

2005: Named second-team, all-SEC by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches . . . Awarded the Conerly Trophy as the state of Mississippi's most outstanding college football player . . . Started all 11 games as the team's feature back and rushed for 1,136 yards on 191 carries, a 5.9-yard per carry average, and six touchdowns . . . Finished fourth in the SEC in rushing per game (103.3) . . . His 1,136 yards were the third-most in school history . . . Rushed for a single-game record 257 yards on 24 carries against Houston . . . Also caught 19 passes for 96 yards during the season, a 5.0 average, and another pair of scores.

2004: Named second-team, all-SEC by the league's coaches . . . Also earned honorable mention all-SEC recognition from the Associated Press . . . Was a finalist for the Conerly award as a junior . . . Started all 11 games at running back . . . Topped the 1,000-yard plateau (1,050) for the first time in his collegiate career on 195 carries, a 5.4-yard average, and seven touchdowns . . . That rushing total was the fifth-highest in school history . . . Also caught 11 passes for 37 yards during the year.

2003: Played in all 12 games, earning the starting assignment eight times . . . Rushed 121 times for 642 yards, a 5.3-yard average, and two touchdowns . . . Also caught eight passes for 6 yards.

2002: Named to the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* all-freshman team as a kickoff return specialist . . . Played in all 12 games as a true freshman . . . Finished second on the team with 66 rushes for 394 yards, a 6.0-yard per carry average . . . Also caught five passes for 47 yards, a 9.4-yard average . . . Returned 14 kickoffs for 292 yards, a 20.9 average.





Deljuan ROBINSON

6-3 • 303 • Defensive Tackle • Houston Texans • Years Pro: 3
Free Agent Signee 2007 • Hometown: Hernando, Miss.

Pro Career: Played in 28 games with six starts in his career . . . Has recorded 31 career tackles and one forced fumble. . . Played in 12 games with three starts in 2009 . . . Made 28 total tackles during the 2008 season . . . Signed with the Houston Texans as a free agent in April 2007 . . . Spent his entire first season on the Texans practice squad.

MSU Career: Played in 44 of a possible 46 games during his MSU career . . . Started 28 times during his career, including 21 straight from early in his sophomore season until his senior year . . . Recorded 104 tackles, including 18 for loss (minus 73 yards), two and one-half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 20 yards) . . . Had one fumble recovery and a pass deflection to his credit.

2006: Started eight games during his senior season, playing in 11 . . . Made 34 tackles on the year, a total built on 12 and one-half tackles for loss (minus 45 yards), one and a half of which were quarterback sacks (minus 8 yards).

2005: Started all 11 games for MSU as a junior . . . Recorded 29 total tackles, including one for loss (minus 5 yards) . . . Also credited with a pass deflection.

2004: Played in all 11 games for State, earning four starting calls on the defensive line . . . Made 23 tackles, including two and one-half for loss (minus 16 yards), one of which was a quarterback sack (minus 12 yards).

2003: Immediately made his presence felt at MSU following a one-year health rehabilitation . . . Played in 11 games with five starting calls during his initial season . . . Made 18 tackles, including two for loss (minus 7 yards) . . . Also credited with one fumble recovery . . . Came to State following a year in which he underwent open heart surgery to correct a leaky heart valve.





Fred SMOOT

5-11 • 185 • Defensive Back • Washington Redskins • Years Pro: 9 • Drafted by Washington Redskins in 2001 • 2nd Round, 45th Pick • Hometown: Jackson, Miss.

Pro Career:

Completed his third year of his second tour of duty with the Washington Redskins, the organization which initially selected him in the 2001 NFL Draft . . .

. Also played two seasons with the

Conerly Trophy, awarded annually to the state of Mississippi's premier football player . . . Started all 11 games in which he saw action during his senior season . . . Made 55 tackles, including two for loss (minus 3 yards) . . . Intercepted a team-leading five passes and had an incredible 19 pass break ups, despite the fact that most teams didn't bother to throw in his direction.

1999: Named first-team, all-SEC by the Associated Press and second-team, all-league by the conference coaches . . .

Started all 12 games at one cornerback position . . . Made 57 tackles, a total that included four tackles for loss (minus 4 yards) . . . Led MSU with five pass interceptions (13 yards in returns) in his first season in Starkville . . . Was second on the team with nine pass deflections.

Minnesota Vikings . . . Has played in 129 career games (103 starts) and registered 444 tackles . . . Has made 21 career interceptions, returning them 194 yards, a 9.2-yard average, and one touchdown . . . Has had 66 passes defended in his career, three times reaching 10 in one season . . . Had a career-high five interceptions in his rookie campaign on the way to becoming the first Redskin to lead the team in interceptions for three straight years . . . He earned the Redskins' Ed Block Courage Award in 2003, as well as the QB Club Player of the Year in Washington.

MSU Career: An all-America and all-SEC performer during his Bulldog career . . . Started all 23 games during his collegiate days after coming to MSU from junior college . . . Made 112 tackles, including six for loss (minus 7 yards) . . . Also recorded 10 pass interceptions (44 yards in returns) in just two seasons and 28 pass deflections . . . His 10 picks tied for the fifth-most ever at MSU, and his five each year tie for the sixth-most in a single season . . . Also credited with one blocked kick.

2000: Named one of three finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, given annually to the nation's best defensive back . . . Named first-team, all-America by the Associated Press, *Football News* magazine, *The Sporting News*, *College Football News* and the Walter Camp Foundation . . . Was one of five finalists for the Football News Defensive Player of the Year Award . . . Named second-team, all-America by Rivals.com . . . Named first-team, all-SEC by *The Sporting News*, *College Sports Southeast*, the Associated Press, *Football News* and the league's coaches . . . Was one of three finalist for the





David STEWART

6-7 • 318 • Offensive Tackle • Tennessee Titans • Years Pro: 5 • Drafted by Tennessee Titans in 2005 • 4th Round, 113th Pick • Hometown: Moulton, Ala.

Pro Career: After being inactive during his rookie season in the NFL, he started 52 straight times at right offensive tackle before missing one game last season . . . In his first season as a regular, he helped the Tennessee Titans rush for 2,214 yards, third-best in the AFC and fifth overall in the league . . . He helped the Titans produce a 1,000-yard rusher and the first rookie quarterback ever rush for more than 500 yards . . . Helped his team lead the NFL in fewest sacks allowed in 2008 (12) . . . Has started every game played since 2006 . . . In 2009 helped lead Chris Johnson to become only the sixth player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards.

MSU Career: Earned all-SEC recognition during his Bulldog career on the offensive line . . . Played in 41 career games with 38 starting assignments at offensive tackle . . . Started 35 straight times from the beginning of his sophomore season through the close of his career . . . Was on the field for every snap 25 times (out of 35) during his final three seasons at State.

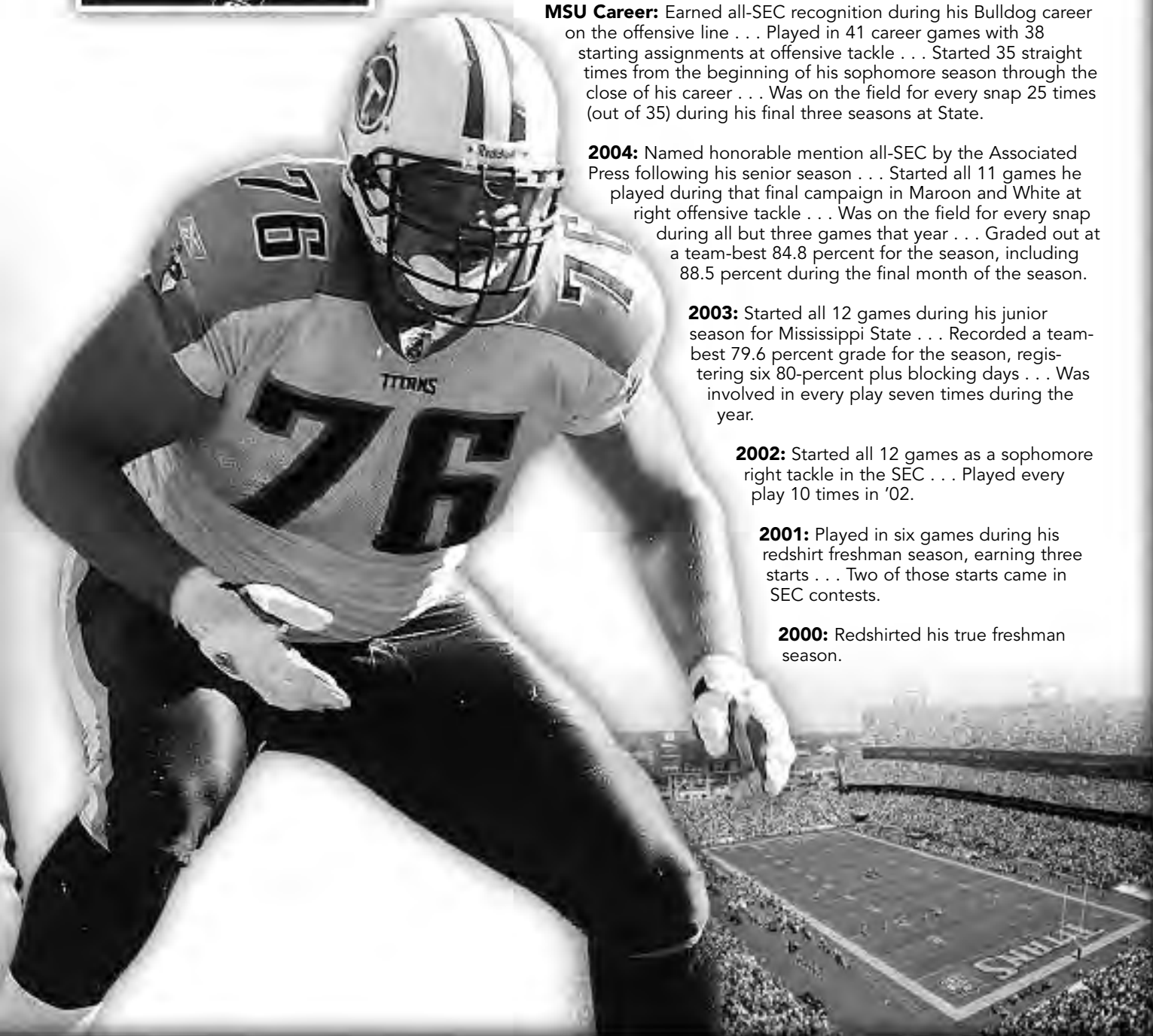
2004: Named honorable mention all-SEC by the Associated Press following his senior season . . . Started all 11 games he played during that final campaign in Maroon and White at right offensive tackle . . . Was on the field for every snap during all but three games that year . . . Graded out at a team-best 84.8 percent for the season, including 88.5 percent during the final month of the season.

2003: Started all 12 games during his junior season for Mississippi State . . . Recorded a team-best 79.6 percent grade for the season, registering six 80-percent plus blocking days . . . Was involved in every play seven times during the year.

2002: Started all 12 games as a sophomore right tackle in the SEC . . . Played every play 10 times in '02.

2001: Played in six games during his redshirt freshman season, earning three starts . . . Two of those starts came in SEC contests.

2000: Redshirted his true freshman season.





Randy THOMAS

6-5 • 317 • Offensive Guard • Washington Redskins • Years Pro: 11 • Drafted by New York Jets in 1999 • 2nd Round, 57th Pick • Hometown: East Point, Ga.

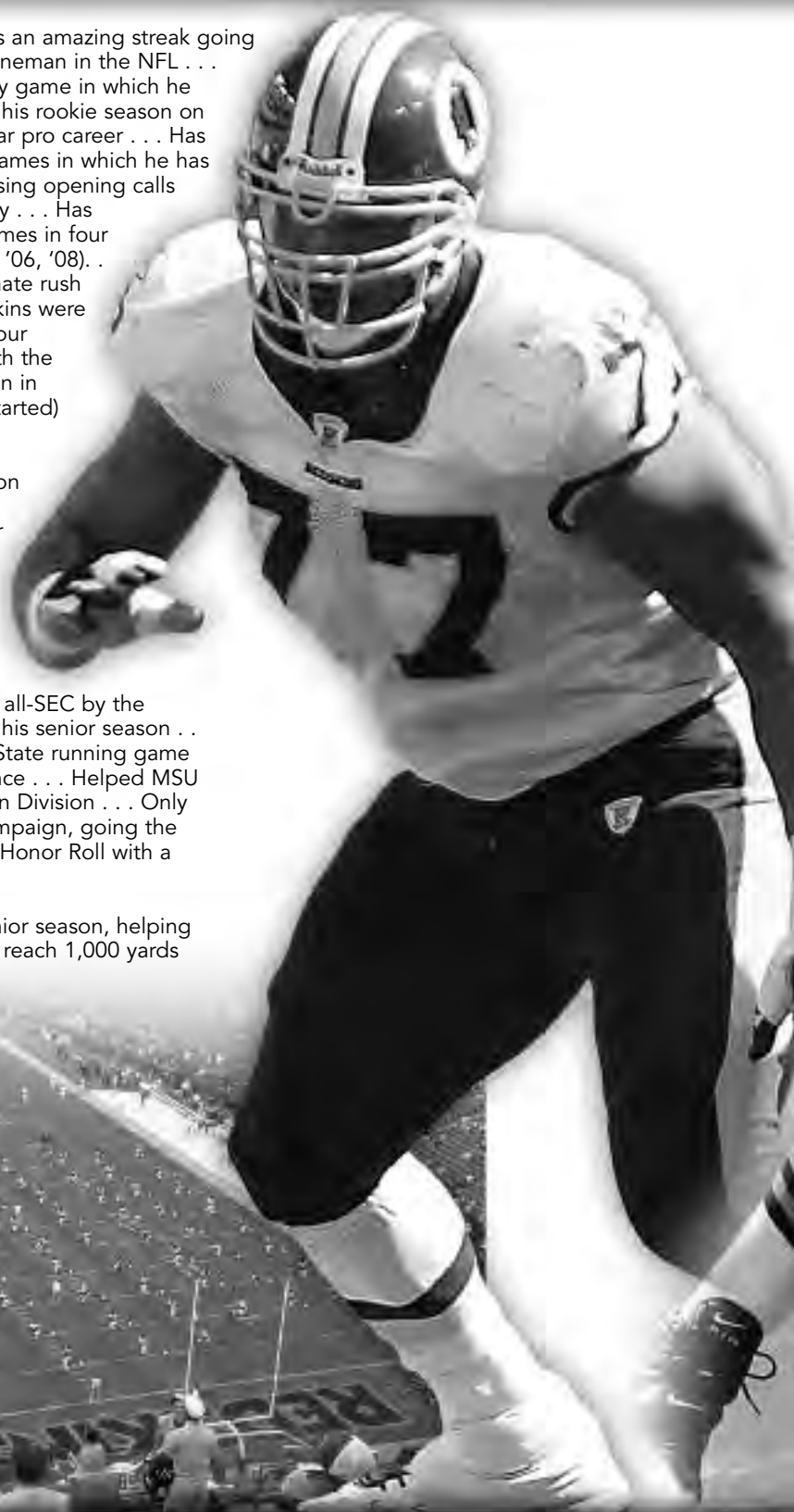
Pro Career: Has an amazing streak going as an offensive lineman in the NFL . . . Has started every game in which he has played from his rookie season on during his 11-year pro career . . . Has started all 143 games in which he has seen action, missing opening calls only due to injury . . . Has started all 16 games in four years (2002, '03, '06, '08). .

. In eight of the last 10 seasons, he has helped a teammate rush for at least 1,000 yards during the season . . . The Redskins were fourth in the league in rushing in 2006 . . . Has played four seasons with the New York Jets, in addition to seven with the Washington Redskins . . . He earned a Pro Bowl selection in 2003 . . . Was limited to just three games played (and started) in 2007 and just a pair of games in 2009.

MSU Career: Earned all-America and all-SEC recognition during his two-year Bulldog career . . . Started all 24 games at Mississippi State at offensive guard after transferring from junior college . . . Played every snap 13 times in his career . . . Selected to play in the 1999 Senior Bowl all-star classic . . . Also named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for his work in the classroom.

1998: Earned second-team, all-America accolades from The Sporting News magazine . . . Named second-team, all-SEC by the Associated Press and by the league's coaches following his senior season . . . Started all 13 games for the Bulldogs and helped the State running game pile up 171.9 yards per game, third-best in the conference . . . Helped MSU reach a Cotton Bowl bid after winning the SEC's Western Division . . . Only graded out below 80 percent once during his senior campaign, going the entire way nine times . . . Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll with a 3.12 grade point average.

1997: Started all 11 games at right guard during his junior season, helping MSU to a 7-4 overall record . . . Helped James Johnson reach 1,000 yards rushing in the first of two consecutive years.





Pork Chop WOMACK

6-4 • 328 • Offensive Guard • Cleveland Browns • Years Pro: 9 • Drafted by Seattle Seahawks in 2001 • 4th Round, 128th Pick • Hometown: Cleveland, Miss.

Pro Career: Spent the first seven of his pro years with the organization that drafted him, the Seattle Seahawks . . . Signed as a free agent with the Cleveland Browns in March 2009 . . . Has played in 103 career games with 56 starting assignments along the offensive line . . . Started nine of the 13 games he played last fall . . . Has played both offensive guard and tackle during his pro career . . . Started 10 of the 11 games he played during 2002, and opened eight of the 16 he played two years later . . . Started all nine games he played in 2006, and only missed seeing action in one contest in '07 . . . Started 14 of 15 games played in 2008.

MSU Career: Named all-America and all-SEC during his Bulldog playing career . . . Played in 35 games while in Starkville, starting 31 consecutive times at offensive tackle until a leg injury shortened his senior season . . . Made a 32nd start when he rebounded from that ailment to open the 2000 Independence Bowl.

2000: Named second-team, all-America by both the Walter Camp Foundation and Football News magazine following his senior season at State . . . Selected first-team, all-SEC by the Associated Press, *The Sporting News*, *Football News*, *College Sports Southeast* and the league's coaches . . . Started the first six games of the year battling a stress fracture the entire way . . . Graded out at an 83 percent mark during those games, despite the malady . . . Sidelined for the final five contests after surgery was performed to correct the issue.

1999: Started all 12 games for the Bulldogs at left offensive tackle during his junior season . . . Graded out at an 80 percent blocking mark or better eight times on the year . . . Helped his team to a Peach Bowl win over Clemson following that '99 regular season.

1998: Started all 13 games for Mississippi State during his sophomore campaign . . . Exceeded an 80 percent blocking grade nine of 12 times.

1997: Played in four games as a reserve offensive lineman during his true freshman season.



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ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RUSH	REC.	KR	PR	YDS.
1.	Anthony Dixon	2006-09	3994	449	0	0	4443
2.	Walter Packer	1973-76	2820	171	1166	12	4169
3.	Tony James	1989-92	218	561	1862	1332	3973
4.	Jerious Norwood	2002-05	3212	186	309	43	3750
5.	David Smith	1968-70	80	2168	1131	193	3572
6.	Mardye McDole	1977-80	430	2214	427	282	3353
7.	Dicenzo Miller	1998-01	2209	732	186	147	3274
8.	Kenny Roberts	1989-92	2070	533	344	0	2947
9.	Robert Isaac	1994-97	1198	255	1093	387	2933
10.	Michael Haddix	1979-82	2558	353	0	0	2911

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RUSH	REC.	KR	PR	YDS.
1.	Nick Turner	2003	696	93	565	310	1664
2.	Kevin Prentiss	1998	68	681	458	339	1546
3.	Anthony Dixon	2009	1391	123	0	0	1514
4.	Dicenzo Miller	2000	1005	344	62	102	1513
5.	James Johnson	1998	1383	98	0	0	1481
6.	Keffer McGee	1995	1072	295	0	0	1367
7.	Robert Isaac	1996	527	172	469	189	1357
8.	Walter Packer	1975	1012	67	242	0	1321
9.	Jerious Norwood	2005	1126	96	0	43	1265
10.	Robert Isaac	1997	562	56	455	198	1271

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

YDS.	PLAYER	OPPONENT	SITE	YEAR	ADDITIONAL STATS
344	Nick Turner	Tennessee	Knoxville	2003	41 rush / 37 receive / 163 KOR / 103 PR
312	James Johnson	Alabama	Starkville	1998	237 rush / 75 receive
266	Anthony Dixon	Kentucky	Lexington	2009	252 rush/14 receive
265	Jerious Norwood	Houston	Starkville	2005	247 rush / 9 receive / 9 PR
265	David Smith	LSU	Baton Rouge	1969	-12 rush / 102 receive / 175 KOR
258	Eric Moulds	LSU	Baton Rouge	1994	95 receive / 163 KOR

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

INTERCEPTIONS

	PLAYER	YEAR	YDS.	AVG.	INT.
1.	Walt Harris	1992-95	162	10.1	16
2.	Derek Pegues	2005-08	241	20.1	12
	Izell McGill	1994-97	165	13.8	12
3.	Henry Davison	1974-77	123	11.2	11
	Kenny Johnson	1976-79	146	13.3	11
	Derek Pegues	2005-08	238	21.6	11

TOTAL TACKLES

	PLAYER	SEASONS	TT
1.	Ray Costict	1973-76	467
2.	Harvey Hull	1973-76	454
3.	James Williams	1986-89	448
4.	Reggie Stewart	1987-90	442
5.	Johnie Cooks	1977-81	392

SACKS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	SACKS	YDS.
1.	Billy Jackson	1980-83	49.0	NA
2.	Tyrone Keys	1977-80	26.0	NA
3.	Willie Evans	2002-05	24.5	145
	Johnie Cooks	1977-81	24.0	NA
4.	Mike McEnany	1979-82	22.0	NA
5.	Greg Favors	1994-97	19.5	179

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

INTERCEPTIONS

	PLAYER	YEAR	YDS.	AVG.	INT.
1.	Bobby Bethune	1960	30	5.0	6
	Bill Crick	1969	84	14.0	6
	Walt Harris	1993	59	9.8	6
	Walt Harris	1994	41	6.8	6
	Izell McGill	1997	94	15.7	6
	Corey Broomfield	2009	118	19.7	6

TOTAL TACKLES

	PLAYER	SEASON	TT
1.	Calvin Zanders	1983	186
2.	Billy Jackson	1983	180
3.	Reggie Stewart	1990	179
4.	John Miller	1982	164
5.	James Williams	1988	163

SACKS

	PLAYER	YEAR	SACKS	YDS.
1.	Billy Jackson	1980	17.0	NA
2.	Billy Jackson	1981	15.0	NA
	Willie Evans	2005	15.0	96
4.	Greg Favors	1996	12.5	112
5.	Mike McEnany	1981	12.0	NA
	Edward Smith	1998	12.0	112



BILLY JACKSON



WALT HARRIS

KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

RETURNS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	AVG.	YDS.	RET.
1.	Derek Pegues	2005-08	22.2	2488	112
2.	Tony James	1989-92	23.9	1862	78
3.	John Moore	1985-89	17.6	1197	68
4.	Glen Young	1979-82	23.3	1538	66
5.	Walter Packer	1973-76	19.4	1166	60

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RET.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Derek Pegues	2005-08	112	22.2	2488
2.	Tony James	1989-92	78	23.9	1862
3.	Glen Young	1979-82	66	23.3	1538
4.	Pig Prather	1998-01	59	23.6	1390
5.	Fred Reid	2001-04	61	21.4	1303

AVERAGE (MIN. 30 RET.)

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RET.	YDS.	AVG.
1.	Leon Berry	2009-	38	1015	26.7
2.	Dan Bland	1963-65	42	1118	26.6
3.	Michael Robinson	1986-89	35	850	24.3
4.	Tony James	1989-92	78	1862	23.9
5.	Billy Stacy	1956-58	35	832	23.8

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

RETURNS

	PLAYER	YEAR	AVG.	YDS.	RET.
1.	Leon Berry	2009	26.7	1015	38
1.	Derek Pegues	2008	22.8	708	31
2.	Derek Pegues	2006	23.7	687	29
3.	Derek Pegues	2005	20.0	559	28
4.	David Smith	1968	21.9	590	27
	John Moore	1987	17.2	464	27
	Eddie Myles	1988	19.8	535	27

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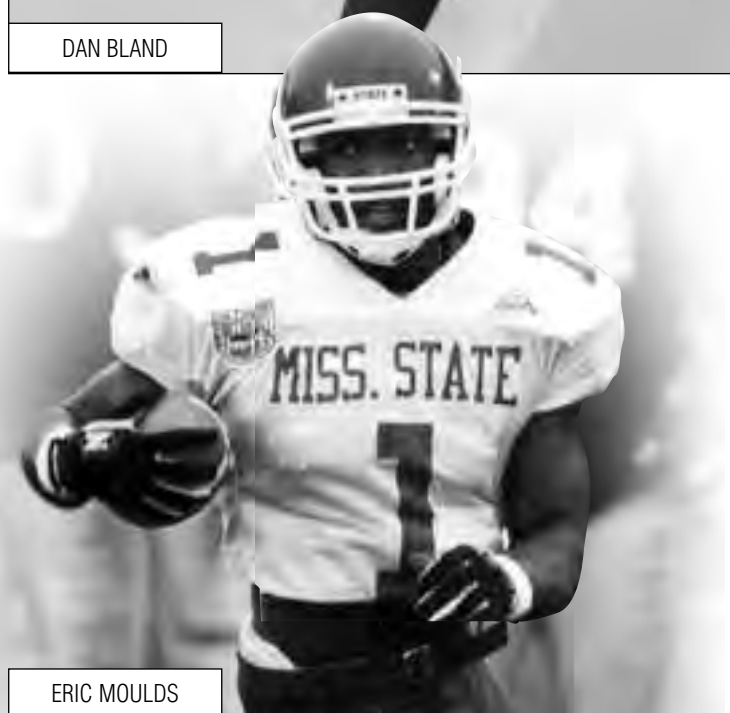
	PLAYER	YEAR	RET.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Leon Berry	2009	38	26.7	1015
1.	Derek Pegues	2008	31	22.8	708
2.	Derek Pegues	2006	29	23.7	687
3.	Michael Robinson	1986	26	24.7	643
4.	David Smith	1968	27	21.9	590

AVERAGE (MIN. 10 RET.)

	PLAYER	YEAR	RET.	YDS.	AVG.
1.	Eric Moulds	1994	13	426	32.8
2.	James Otis Doss	1977	16	450	28.1
3.	Dan Bland	1964	20	558	27.9
4.	Glen Young	1980	19	525	27.6
5.	Pig Prather	1999	12	325	27.1



DAN BLAND



ERIC MOULDS



DEREK PEGUES

PASSING LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	ATT.	CMP.	PCT.	YDS.
1.	Wayne Madkin	1998-01	887	462	.521	6336
2.	Kevin Fant	2000-03	866	461	.532	5631
3.	Derrick Taite	1993-96	734	362	.493	5232
4.	Don Smith	1983-86	738	342	.463	5229
5.	John Bond	1980-83	665	307	.462	4621

COMPLETIONS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	ATT.	YDS.	CMP.
1.	Wayne Madkin	1998-01	887	6336	462
2.	Kevin Fant	2000-03	866	5631	461
3.	Derrick Taite	1993-96	734	5232	362
4.	Tony Shell	1988-90	715	4292	349
5.	Don Smith	1983-86	738	5229	342

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

	PLAYER	SEASONS	YDS.	INT.	NO.
1.	Derrick Taite	1993-96	5232	25	38
2.	Wayne Madkin	1998-01	6336	35	34
3.	Kevin Fant	2000-03	5631	43	33
4.	Don Smith	1983-86	5229	35	31
5.	Tony Shell	1988-90	4292	29	25

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	ATT.	CMP.	PCT.	YDS.
1.	Dave Marler	1978	287	163	.568	2422
2.	Don Smith	1985	312	143	.458	2332
3.	Derrick Taite	1995	309	165	.534	2241
4.	Kevin Fant	2003	351	186	.530	2151
5.	Todd Jordan	1993	294	131	.446	1935

COMPLETIONS

	PLAYER	YEAR	YDS.	PCT.	ATT.	CMP.
1.	Kevin Fant	2003	2151	.530	351	186
2.	Tommy Pharr	1968	1838	.542	319	173
3.	Derrick Taite	1995	2241	.534	309	165
4.	Dave Marler	1978	2422	.568	287	163
	Kevin Fant	2002	1918	.524	311	163

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

	PLAYER	YEAR	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	NO.
1.	Derrick Taite	1995	309	165	2241	16
2.	Don Smith	1985	312	143	2332	15
3.	Derrick Taite	1994	220	110	1806	14
	Kevin Fant	2003	351	186	2151	14
5.	Tony Shell	1988	335	153	1884	13



WAYNE MADKIN



KEVIN FANT



DERRICK TAITE

PUNT RETURNS

CAREER LEADERS

RETURNS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	AVG	YDS.	RET.
1.	Tony James	1989-92	11.0	1332	121
2.	Bobby Herrington	1930-31,33	8.8	777	88
3.	Derek Pegues	2005-08	10.0	792	79
4.	Bernard Euell	1992-95	7.3	411	56
5.	Tom McWilliams	1944, 46-48	14.5	795	55

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RET.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Tony James	1989-92	121	11.0	1332
2.	Tom McWilliams	1944, 46-48	55	14.5	795
3.	Derek Pegues	2005-08	79	10.0	792
4.	Bobby Herrington	1930-31,33	88	8.8	777
5.	Marcus Rhoden	1964-66	42	13.9	585

AVERAGE (MIN. 25 RET.)

	PLAYER	SEASONS	RET.	YDS.	AVG.
1.	Frank Dowsing	1970-72	26	395	15.2
2.	Tom McWilliams	1944, 46-48	55	795	14.5
3.	Marcus Rhoden	1964-66	42	585	13.9
4.	Kevin Prentiss	1997-98	31	383	12.4
5.	Billy Stacy	1956-58	52	580	11.2

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

RETURNS

	PLAYER	YEAR	AVG.	YDS.	RET.
1.	Tony James	1989	10.9	437	40
2.	Bobby Herrington	1933	11.2	425	38
3.	Tony James	1992	9.9	358	36
4.	Eddie Myles	1987	9.2	266	29
5.	Nick Turner	2003	11.1	310	28

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	YEAR	RET.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Tony James	1989	40	10.9	437
2.	Bobby Herrington	1933	38	11.2	425
3.	Marcus Rhoden	1965	19	21.7	413
4.	Tony James	1992	36	9.9	358
5.	Derek Pegues	2006	25	14.0	350

AVERAGE (MIN. 10 RET.)

	PLAYER	YEAR	RET.	YDS.	AVG.
1.	Marcus Rhoden	1965	19	413	21.7
2.	Frank Dowsing	1971	14	260	18.6
3.	Glen Young	1981	19	307	16.2
4.	Tony Kotowski	1951	13	219	16.7
5.	Tom McWilliams	1946	19	306	16.1



MARCUS RHODEN



FRANK DOWSING



TONY JAMES

PUNTING LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

PUNTS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	YDS.	AVG.	NO.
1.	Blake McAdams	2005-08	11562	39.32	293
2.	Dana Moore	1979-82	8860	40.83	217
3.	Dick McGraw	1965-67	8363	39.08	214
4.	Mike Riley	1987-91	8572	40.24	213
5.	Jared Cook	2001-04	8313	41.98	198

YARDS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	AVG.	NO.	YDS
1.	Blake McAdams	2005-08	39.32	293	11562
2.	Dana Moore	1979-82	40.83	217	8860
3.	Mike Riley	1987-91	40.24	213	8572
4.	Dick McGraw	1965-67	39.08	214	8363
5.	Jared Cook	2001-04	41.98	198	8313

AVERAGE (MIN. 75 ATT.)

	PLAYER	SEASONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
1.	Jeff Walker	1996-99	141	6126	43.44
2.	Todd Jordan	1989-93	112	4793	42.80
3.	Jared Cook	2001-04	198	8313	41.98
4.	Andy Russ	1993-96	159	6672	41.96
5.	Mike Patrick	1972-74	171	6999	40.93



BLAKE MCADAMS



DANA MOORE



JEFF WALKER



RECEIVING LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

RECEPTIONS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	YDS.	AVG.	REC.
1.	David Smith	1968-70	2168	13.4	162
2.	Sammy Milner	1968-70	1806	12.4	146
3.	Justin Jenkins	2000-03	1974	14.2	139
4.	Terrell Grindle	1999-02	1724	14.5	119
5.	Eric Moulds	1993-95	2022	17.1	118

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	REC.	YDS.
1.	Mardye McDole	1977-80	116	2214
2.	David Smith	1968-70	162	2168
3.	Eric Moulds	1993-95	118	2022
4.	Justin Jenkins	2000-03	139	1974
5.	Sammy Milner	1968-70	146	1806

TOUCHDOWNS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	REC.	TD
1.	Eric Moulds	1993-95	118	17
	Justin Jenkins	2000-03	139	17
3.	Bill Buckley	1971-73	102	14
4.	Mardye McDole	1977-80	116	13
	Jerry Bouldin	1987-90	78	13

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

RECEPTIONS

	PLAYER	YEAR	YDS.	AVG.	REC.
1.	David Smith	1970	987	13.3	74
2.	Sammy Milner	1968	909	14.2	64
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4.	Eric Moulds	1995	779	12.6	62
	Justin Jenkins	2003	880	14.2	62

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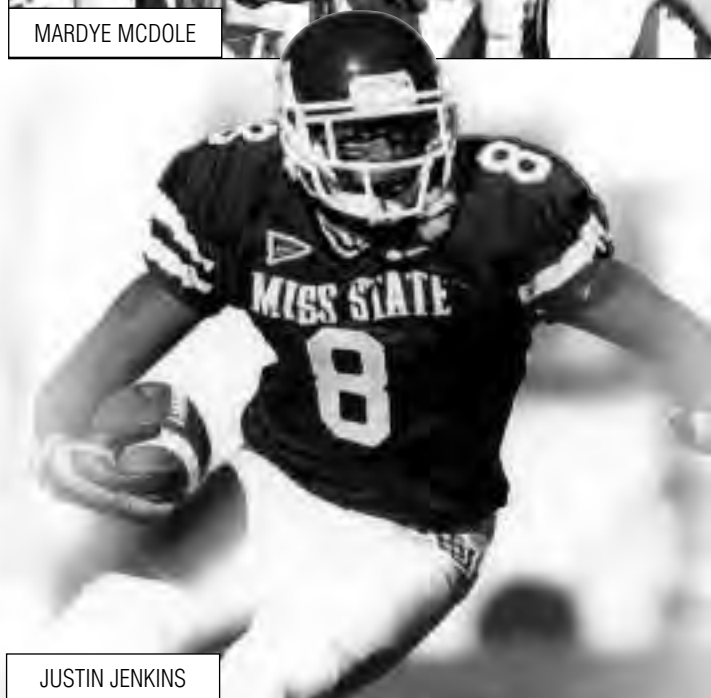
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Mardye McDole	1978	48	21.6	1035
2.	David Smith	1970	74	13.3	987
3.	Danny Knight	1982	37	25.0	924
4.	Sammy Milner	1968	64	14.2	909
5.	Justin Jenkins	2003	62	14.2	880

TOUCHDOWNS

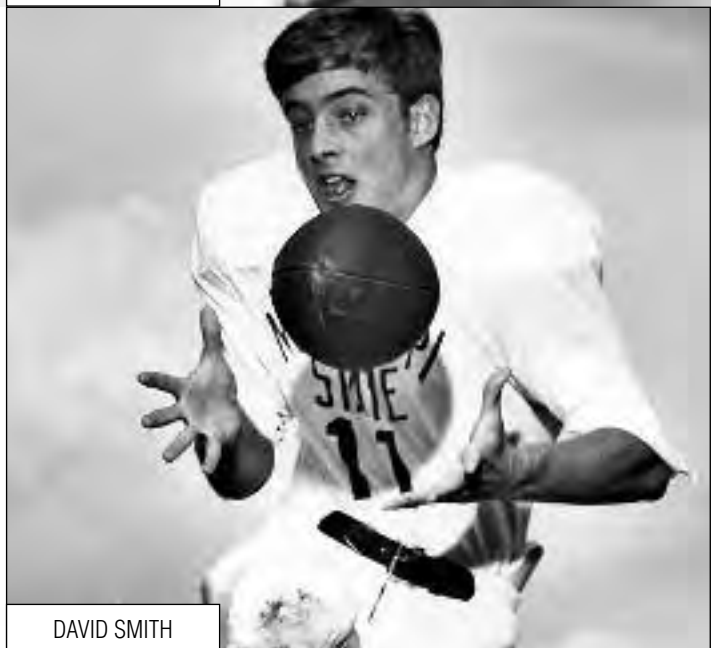
	PLAYER	YEAR	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
1.	Justin Jenkins	2003	62	880	14.2	9
2.	Justin Jenkins	2001	42	661	15.7	8
3.	Bill Buckley	1973	41	661	16.1	7
	Mardye McDole	1978	48	1035	21.6	7
	Danny Knight	1982	37	924	25.0	7



MARDYE MCDOLE



JUSTIN JENKINS



DAVID SMITH

RUSHING LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

ATTEMPTS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	YDS.	AVG.	ATT.
1.	Anthony Dixon	2006-09	3994	4.4	910
2.	Michael Davis	1991-94	2721	4.7	578
3.	Jerious Norwood	2002-05	3222	5.6	573
4.	John Bond	1980-83	2280	4.0	572
5.	Don Smith	1983-86	1868	3.9	485

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	ATT.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Anthony Dixon	2006-09	910	4.4	3994
2.	Jerious Norwood	2002-05	573	5.6	3212
3.	Walter Packer	1973-76	483	5.8	2820
4.	Michael Davis	1991-94	578	4.7	2721
5.	Michael Haddix	1979-82	425	6.0	2558

TOUCHDOWNS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	ATT.	YDS.	TD
1.	Anthony Dixon	2006-09	910	3994	42
2.	Michael Davis	1991-94	578	2721	27
3.	Jackie Parker	1952-53	201	663	24
	John Bond	1980-83	572	2280	24
	James Johnson	1997-98	453	2452	24

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

ATTEMPTS

	PLAYER	YEAR	YDS.	AVG.	ATT.
1.	Anthony Dixon	2007	1066	3.7	287
2.	James Johnson	1998	1383	5.9	236
3.	Keffer McGee	1995	1072	4.6	235
4.	James Johnson	1997	1069	4.9	217
5.	Wayne Jones	1973	1193	5.6	212

YARDAGE

	PLAYER	YEAR	NO.	AVG.	YDS.
1.	Anthony Dixon	2009	257	5.4	1391
1.	James Johnson	1998	236	5.9	1383
2.	Wayne Jones	1973	212	5.6	1193
3.	Jerious Norwood	2005	191	5.9	1126
4.	Keffer McGee	1995	235	4.6	1072

TOUCHDOWNS

	PLAYER	YEAR	ATT.	YDS.	TD
1.	Jackie Parker	1952	126	455	16
2.	Harry Furman	1907	NA	NA	14
	Anthony Dixon	2007	287	1066	14
4.	John Bond	1983	164	612	13
	Keffer McGee	1995	235	1072	13



ANTHONY DIXON



JAMES JOHNSON



JERIOUS NORWOOD

SCORING LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

POINTS

	PLAYER	SEASONS	TD	FG	PAT	TP
1.	Anthony Dixon	2006-09	46	0	0	276
2.	Brian Hazelwood	1995-98	0	43	89	218
3.	Artie Cosby	1983-86	0	48	67	211
4.	Joel Logan	1987-90	0	41	76	199
5.	Jackie Parker	1952-53	24	0	41	185

FIELD GOALS MADE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	FGA	FGM
1.	Artie Cosby	1983-86	81	48
2.	Brian Hazelwood	1995-98	73	43
3.	Joel Logan	1987-90	61	41
4.	Dana Moore	1979-82	51	34
5.	Scott Westerfield	1999-00	42	30

EXTRA POINTS MADE

	PLAYER	SEASONS	PCT.	ATT.	MADE
1.	Adam Carlson	2005-08	.978	91	89
	Brian Hazelwood	1995-99	.947	94	89
3.	Joel Logan	1987-90	.905	84	76
4.	Bob Morgan	1980-82	.949	78	74
5.	Artie Cosby	1983-86	.971	69	67

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

POINTS

	PLAYER	YEAR	TD	FG	PAT	TP
1.	Jackie Parker	1952	16	0	24	120
2.	Anthony Dixon	2007	16	0	0	96
3.	Keffer McGee	1995	15	0	*1	92
4.	Harry McArthur	1914	15	0	0	90
5.	Tom McWilliams	1944	14	0	0	84
	James Jones	1978	13	0	*3	84

*2-point conversions

FIELD GOALS MADE

	PLAYER	YEAR	PCT.	FGA	FGM
1.	Scott Westerfield	1999	.750	24	18
2.	Tom Burke	1993	.739	23	17
3.	Brian Hazelwood	1997	.538	26	16
	Brent Smith	2002	.800	20	16
5.	Chris Gardner	1992	.556	27	15
	Brian Hazelwood	1998	.625	24	15

EXTRA POINTS MADE

	PLAYER	YEAR	PCT.	ATT.	MADE
1.	Scott Westerfield	2000	.949	39	37
2.	Vic Nickels	1974	.947	38	36
3.	Tim Rogers	1994	.944	36	34
4.	Chris Gardner	1991	.943	35	33
5.	Brian Hazelwood	1998	.914	35	32



ARTIE COSBY



BRIAN HAZELWOOD



SCOTT WESTERFIELD



TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

CAREER LEADERS

YARDS

PLAYER	SEASONS	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1. Don Smith	1983-86	1223	1868	5229	7097
2. John Bond	1980-83	1237	2280	4621	6901
3. Wayne Madkin	1998-01	1121	146	6336	6482
4. Kevin Fant	2000-03	635	(-207)	5631	5424
5. Derrick Taite	1993-96	924	173	5232	5405

TDS RESPONSIBLE FOR (RUN & PASS)

PLAYER	SEASONS	RUSH	PASS	TD
1. Don Smith	1983-86	21	31	52
2. John Bond	1980-83	24	18	42
3. Anthony Dixon	2006-09	42	0	42
4. Wayne Madkin	1998-01	7	34	41
5. Derrick Taite	1993-96	2	38	40

SINGLE-SEASON HIGHS

YARDS

PLAYER	YEAR	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1. Don Smith	1985	554	2332	2886
2. Dave Marler	1978	(-31)	2422	2391
3. Don Smith	1986	740	1609	2349
4. Derrick Taite	1995	16	2241	2257
5. John Bond	1982	609	1591	2200

TDS RESPONSIBLE FOR

PLAYER	YEAR	RUSH	PASS	TD
1. Jackie Parker	1952	16	8	24
2. Don Smith	1985	6	15	21
3. Don Smith	1986	6	10	16
Derrick Taite	1995	0	16	16
Kevin Fant	2003	2	14	16



DAVE MARLER



JOHN BOND



DON SMITH

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



1937 ORANGE

A desperation 72-yard touchdown pass from tailback Boyd Brumbaugh to end Ernie Hefferlie spelled an end to Mississippi State's upset hopes as Duquesne edged the Bulldogs 13-12 in the first decade of Orange Bowl history.

With time running out, coach John "Little Clipper" Smith's Dukes went to the air. His team had thrown six straight incompletions before Brumbaugh heaved one after fading back all the way to his own 20-yard line. Hefferlie cradled it in at the State 25 and scored untouched for the game-winner.

"A shouting, shirt-sleeved crowd of 9,210 went wild when Brumbaugh's bull's eye in the final period pulled the Dukes from almost certain defeat," a local newspaper account detailed.

Coach Ralph Sasse's Bulldogs, who ended the year at a hearty 7-3-1 after the postseason clash, scored first on a 10-yard run by back Ike Pickle. Pickle later boomed an 82-yard punt for an Orange Bowl record that still stands.

After Brumbaugh plunged 1 yard and a PAT kick put the Dukes of Pittsburgh, Pa., ahead 7-6, State reversed the advantage again when tailback Pee Wee Armstrong of Meridian lofted a 40-yard touchdown pass to Fred Walters of Laurel to give the Bulldogs a 12-7 lead. That same twosome had



combined for a 65-yard scoring pass to give MSU a stunning 13-7 upset at Army during the 1935 season.

Armstrong's scintillating passes had provided State with the impetus to gain the lead. His aerial strikes set up Pickle's touchdown run prior to his throw to Walters to gain Mississippi State the lead.

Brumbaugh later found Hefferlie for the game-winning TD pass in the fourth quarter. The Dukes edged State after two Bulldog conversion tries had failed.

The narrow loss to Duquesne was a microcosm of the '36 season for State. The Maroons lost three games by a total of 20 points.



Head coach Ralph Sasse (left) and Ben Caldwell, who doubled as the school's student-body president, led MSU to its first bowl appearance.



BUDDY ELROD

1941 ORANGE



The Associated Press proclaimed following State's stand-out season: "Mississippi State reigns as undisputed king of football in the Deep South. State's 13-0 trouncing of Alabama and subsequent acceptance of an Orange Bowl bid eliminated any doubt that the Maroons were gridiron kings of these parts."

Almost a year before the United States of America officially entered World War II, Mississippi State downed the Georgetown Hoyas (who reigned strongly in Eastern football circles in those days) 14-7 in the '41 Orange Bowl to end the year with a 10-0-1 record and a No. 9 ranking nationally.

Coach Allyn McKeen's crew scored in the first quarter when tackle John Tripson covered a blocked Hoya punt in the end zone and Wilbur Dees' extra point gave the Bulldogs a quick 7-0 lead.

State's rugged defense took control in the second quarter after the Bulldogs had jumped ahead 14-0 when tailback Billy Jefferson scored on a 2-yard dive play and Sonny Bruce kicked the PAT.



Georgetown dented Coach McKeen's vaunted defense for the lone Hoyas' TD of the day in the third quarter when Benny Castiglia hit paydirt on a 2-yard run. But MSU managed good ball control behind the running of tailback Harvey Johnson and the defensive work of all-America end Buddy Elrod to secure its first bowl win.

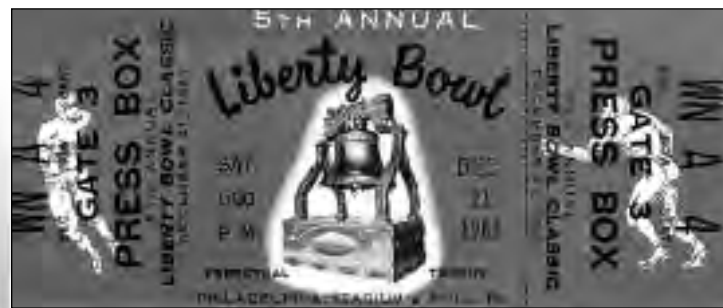
State was led by Starkville native Hunter Corhern, a captain of the team and an outstanding guard. MSU was considered to have the finest line in the South during the '40 season, a group that boasted three all-Southeastern Conference performers, plus the aforementioned Elrod, a consensus all-America.

When asked to compare all his great teams at Mississippi State, head coach Allyn McKeen said, "Some of the school's greatest wins came during the 1939 season, but I have to go with the 1940 team as my best."

1963 LIBERTY



TOMMY INMAN



Hot coffee froze on press box ledges between kickoff and halftime, but the action on the field was warm enough to offset eight-degree temperatures and 17 mile-per-hour winds outside as coach Paul Davis' Bulldogs took a 16-12 win over the North Carolina State Wolfpack.

As the Bulldogs capped a 7-2-2 season before their first national television audience (on NBC, with the legendary Lindsey Nelson providing play-by-play) at Philadelphia Stadium, a blocked punt helped provide MSU's margin of victory for the second bowl game in a row.

In the first quarter, MSU end Bill McGuire blocked a Dave Houtz punt at the N.C. State 26, and fellow end Tommy Inman scooped up the loose football and ran it 11 yards for an MSU score. Justin Canale's PAT made it 7-0.

Quarterback Sonny Fisher gave the Bulldogs a little more breathing room later in the period as the Laurel, Miss., resident sprinted 3 yards for a second touchdown. Canale's extra-point kick failed, but the future pro football standout later redeemed himself.

He gave MSU a 16-0 second-quarter lead with a 43-yard field goal into the gusty wind.

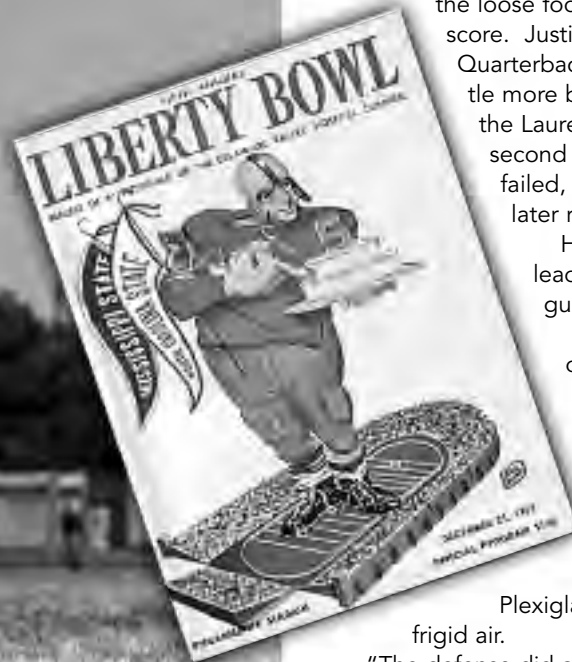
But North Carolina State made a bit of a comeback bid, aided by 122 yards on 11 penalties assessed against the aggressive Bulldogs. The Wolfpack scored the last two touchdowns of the game, but both two-point conversion attempts failed.

Coach Davis and his team had heaters on the State bench and a Plexiglas canopy to protect them from the frigid air.

"The defense did a good job all day, especially considering the conditions," Davis said. "We had a stronger line."



ODE BURRELL





Terry Vitrano, the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player, scored the game-winning touchdown for MSU.

Mississippi State's 26-24 Sun Bowl win over North Carolina was one of the truly great contests of the 1974-75 bowl season. Coach Bob Tyler's Bulldogs, who finished 9-3 and 18th in the nation, set the stage for the game when Most Valuable Offensive Player Terry Vitrano took a handoff from quarterback Rocky Felker and sprinted 55 yards on the game's opening play.

While a rising fog blanketed the field during most of the first half, Vitrano gained big chunks of real estate to end the day with 164 yards on 20 carries, including a game-winning, 2-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

That run capped a 6:29 drive that ate most of the fourth-quarter clock, ending at the 3:41 mark. Three times MSU faced third downs on the drive and State faced a fourth-and-2 at the UNC 25-yard line, where Felker called his own number, clawing for 15 yards. Felker then ran 8 more yards to set up Vitrano winning score.

The drive reminded both Tyler and Felker of the Bulldogs' 29-28 win over Memphis State earlier in the year, a game in which State drove 98 yards in the closing two minutes for the win.

All-America defensive tackle Jimmy Webb, named Most Valuable Defensive Player in the game, registered one of his most critical 12 tackles of the day on a fourth-and-short situation at midfield in the fourth quarter to preserve the MSU win.

MSU's all-SEC tailback Walter Packer piled up 183 yards on 24 attempts, scoring on runs of 1 and 16 yards while Vic Nickels kicked field goals of 24 and 32 yards.

Mississippi State's 455 yards of rushing, which still stands as a Sun Bowl record, were just a bit much for the Tar Heels, coached by MSU grad Bill Dooley.

"This team was a lot better than we expected in a lot of ways," Tyler said. "I think we're a year ahead. We established unity in our program that usually takes two seasons to establish. I've never been more confident or enthusiastic about the future than I am right now."

1974 SUN

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WALTER PACKER



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

1980 SUN

The scene was the same as six years earlier in the Sun Bowl when Mississippi State engaged a team that had as much talent as any football power in the nation. This bowl trip proved to be less successful, however, as coach Tom Osborne's Huskers prevailed in a 31-17 contest.

Mississippi State had won five consecutive regular-season games to enter the contest with a 9-2 record under coach Emory Bellard, but Nebraska was just a bit too deep and powerful as the Huskers took a 17-0 halftime lead.

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The day, however, belonged to Nebraska's

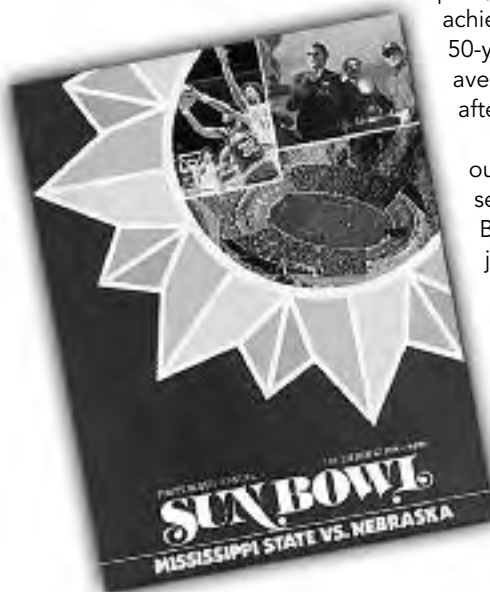
defense, which held Bond to minus-8 yards rushing on 16 carries, and to seven completions in 19 attempts with two interceptions.

Sophomore kicking specialist Dana Moore from Baton Rouge, La., booted a 47-yard field goal and had a 64-yard punt, enabling him to achieve an MSU-record, 50-yard punting average for the afternoon.

"I am proud of our team and the season we had," Bellard said. "We just flat out gave Nebraska too many opportunities. Our defense played well enough to win. Looking at what we have, we will be back next year."



Sophomore Dana Moore was a standout for the Bulldogs, setting a single-game bowl record punting average and kicking a 47-yard field goal.



1981 HALL OF FAME

With Defensive Most Valuable Player and all-America linebacker Johnie Cooks of Leland, Miss., leading a fierce charge, Mississippi State scored its first bowl shutout win by downing the Kansas Jayhawks of the Big Eight Conference 10-0 to improve its bowl record to 4-2.

It was, indeed, a day for the defense.

The Bulldogs, aided by a steady mist that fell throughout the day, held Kansas to 35 yards rushing on 40 attempts, intercepted a pair of Jayhawk passes, and forced a fumble. State recorded its first shutout since 1979.

Lightning struck early for the Bulldogs as all-SEC defensive back Rob Fesmire of Nashville, Tenn., recovered a Ricky Green fumble on the opening kickoff and the opportunistic Bulldogs scored on the next play. Quarterback John Bond, State's Offensive Most Valuable Player and the game's MVP, sprinted 17

yards around right end on the first play from scrimmage and Bob Morgan's PAT gave the Bulldogs an early 7-0 lead.

Place-kicker Dana Moore iced the game with a 22-yard field goal with just over 11 minutes left in the first half for the final margin of victory. The Bulldogs advanced to 8-4 and moved up to 17th in the final AP national poll.

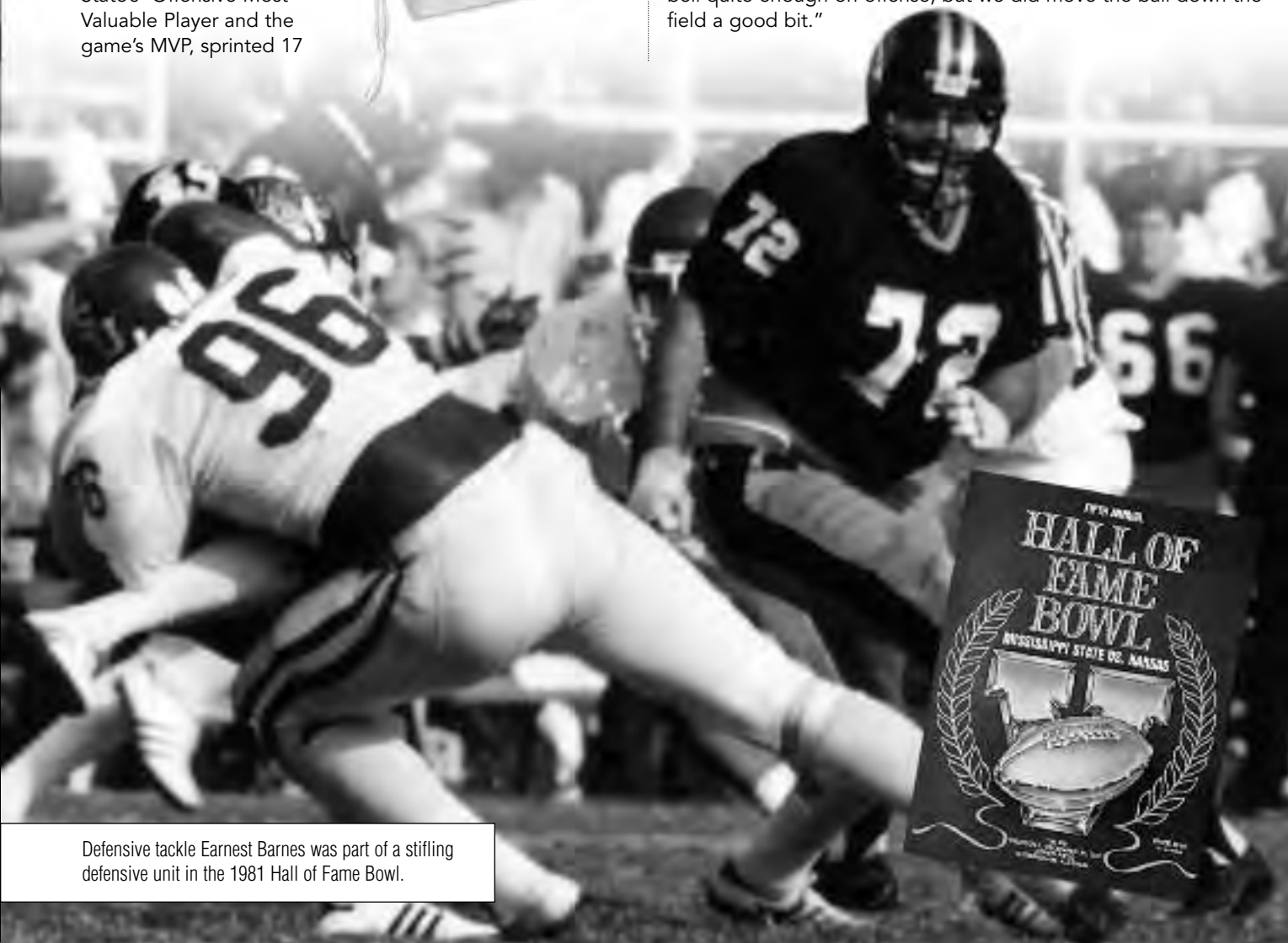
Moore also set a bowl record, averaging 49.1 yards per punt on nine kicks.

Wingback Danny Knight of Natchez, Miss., contributed a big 37-yard sprint down the left sideline on a third-and-long situation while Cooks, defensive tackles Glen Collins and Earnest Barnes, and a number of unsung heroes on the specialty teams gathered together to provide the Bulldogs with the ingredients necessary for a satisfying bowl win.

"The whole defensive unit played extremely well," MSU head coach Emory Bellard said. "We didn't ring the bell quite enough on offense, but we did move the ball down the field a good bit."



JOHN BOND



Defensive tackle Earnest Barnes was part of a stifling defensive unit in the 1981 Hall of Fame Bowl.



1991 LIBERTY



SLEEPY ROBINSON

An all-time Liberty Bowl crowd of 61,497 looked on as the wishbone-attack of the Air Force Academy spoiled Mississippi State's return to the bowl scene with a 38-15 victory over the Bulldogs in the 33rd annual Liberty Bowl postseason contest.

Directed by all-WAC quarterback and Liberty Bowl MVP Rob Perez, the Falcons piled up 318 net yards rushing while attempting only two passes in this ESPN telecast. A potent ground attack earned AFA a 37:34-22:26 edge in possession time.

The Falcons jumped on MSU early as they posted three unanswered touchdowns before the Bulldogs dented the scoreboard just before halftime. AFA scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges by Jason Jones and Perez in the opening stanza. A 35-yard fumble return by Air Force's Shannon Yates at the 6:12 mark of the second quarter stretched the lead to 21-0.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard with the final score of the first half, a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Sleepy Robinson to tight end Trenell Edwards.

After the intermission, AFA added a third-quarter, 20-yard field goal by Joe Wood and a 31-yard touchdown gallop by Scott Hufford to build the Falcons' insurmountable lead to 31-7

with 14:19 remaining in the contest.

Making its first bowl appearance in 10 years, MSU scored its final points on a 7-yard run by fullback Michael Davis with 7:23 left on the game clock.

Trenell Edwards caught a touchdown pass from Sleepy Robinson for State's first score in the '91 Liberty Bowl.





KENNY ROBERTS

1993 PEACH

State had a chance to put the game away in the second quarter, but a pair of Plump-to-Truitt touchdown passes were called due to Bulldog holding penalties.



Despite jumping out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, Mississippi State couldn't hold off a North Carolina squad playing an inspired second half as the Tar Heels posted a 21-17 victory in the first Peach Bowl held inside The Georgia Dome.

The Bulldogs jumped on top early, scoring on their first possession when Greg Plump found Olanda Truitt on a 2-yard touchdown pass. MSU added to that lead when Kenny Roberts raced 22 yards on the final play of the first quarter to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead.

State had a chance to put the game away in the second quarter, but a pair of Plump-to-Truitt touchdown passes were called back due to Bulldog holding penalties.

Trailing 14-0 at halftime, North Carolina took the second half kickoff and drove 82 yards to score on Natrone Means' 1-yard plunge. Later in the third period, the Tar Heels' Bracey Walker broke through to block a Todd Jordan punt and raced 24 yards into the end zone to tie the game at 14-14.

North Carolina took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter when UNC's Cliff Baskerville intercepted a Plump pass and returned it 44 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

After Chris Gardner's 46-yard field goal made the score 21-17, the Bulldogs had their chances to win the game late. MSU drove inside the Tar Heel 30 twice in the game's final three minutes, but an interception and loss on downs, respectively, doomed the Bulldogs' final chances.



OLANDA TRUITT

1995 PEACH

For the second time in three years, Mississippi State earned a berth in the Peach Bowl as one of the Southeastern Conference's top football teams. And for the second time in three years, the Bulldogs held a third-quarter lead over its Atlantic Coast Conference counterpart. But for the second time in three years, State could not maintain that advantage, and dropped a 28-24 decision to North Carolina State.



Even in defeat, this 27th-annual Peach Bowl was one of big plays and outstanding individual efforts for Mississippi State.

Like it had done two years prior, Mississippi State gained an early advantage in this Peach Bowl match-up. Place-kicker Tim Rogers, MSU's Offensive Player of the Game, booted a 37-yard field goal just 2:21 into the contest, and the Bulldogs had a 3-0 advantage. It would be the first of a bowl-record and school-standard tying five field goals for Rogers.

But, as N.C. State was able to do throughout the game, the Wolfpack erased that early lead. Running back Tremayne Stephens capped an 80-yard, 10-play drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to give NCSU a 7-3 lead.

Rogers and Steve Videtich traded field goals around the first-quarter break before the Bulldogs mounted a touchdown drive of their own. Senior running back Michael Davis scored from 11 yards out to give MSU a 13-10 edge.

Videtich added another field goal just eight seconds before the halftime break, and the game was knotted at 13.

A pair of big plays opened the door for the Bulldogs to take control of the game as the second half began. Forcing the 'Pack to punt on their first series of the second half, Bulldog safety Andre Bennett blocked the N.C. State kick into the end zone for a safety, and MSU had a two-point lead.

On the ensuing free kick, Keffer McGee returned the punt a bowl-record 50 yards, putting the Bulldogs in business at the NCSU 15-yard line. Unable to advance the ball into the end zone, State settled for a Rogers field goal and its lead was just 18-13.

Three plays later, however, defensive tackle Larry Williams, State's Defensive Player of the Game, put his team back in scoring position with a standout defensive play. It was the second outstanding effort of the day for Williams, who earlier deflected a Geoff Bender aerial that was intercepted by Scott Gumina.

On a second-and-16 play from the NCSU 30, Williams sacked 'Pack quarterback Terry Harvey, stripped him of the football, and then recovered the pignskin at the 21.



Tim Rogers kicked five field goals in the '95 Peach Bowl classic.

But once again, the Bulldog attack was not able to capitalize, and Rogers was forced to convert a 36-yard field goal. State's 21-13 lead looked good, but Bulldog fans could only imagine the spread their team might have had.

Rejuvenated by the disaster averted, N.C. State struck for a game-tying touchdown and two-point conversion at the close of the third period. Harvey hit Dallas Dickerson from 3 yards out for the score, and then ran for the extra points.

The Wolfpack used a big play of their own, a 62-yard pass play to set up their go-ahead score. Freshman fullback Carlos King bulled in from 11 yards away and State was down 28-21.

The Bulldogs narrowed the deficit with just under five minutes remaining in the game, but excellent field position again resulted in three points instead of six.

After holding NCSU inside its own 5, a short punt, solid return and 21-yard pass put MSU first-and-10 at the 14. A 1-yard run and two incompletions later, however, and the Bulldogs had to settle for the fifth Rogers field goal, a 30-yarder, that raised the score to its final tally.





1999 COTTON



Playing in their first traditional New Year's Day bowl game since the 1941 Orange Bowl, the Bulldogs faced an enormous task in trying to stop the University of Texas and its Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams. Behind Williams' Cotton Bowl record 203 yards rushing and two touchdowns, the Longhorns snapped their seven-game losing slide to Jackie Sherrill and defeated Mississippi State 38-11 in the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic.

Texas struck early in the contest behind the arm of quarterback Major Applewhite. The freshman found Wayne McGarity late in the opening period on a 59-yard scoring strike, giving Texas an early 7-0 advantage.

The Longhorns took advantage of good field position and a long pass play to take a 14-0 lead, as Applewhite again called McGarity's number for a 52-yard touchdown with 5:11 to go in the first half.

Mississippi State would close out the scoring in the half with a 39-yard field goal from senior Brian Hazelwood.

After showcasing their passing game in the first half, Texas began to exploit a tired Bulldog defense with a running game that featured the NCAA's career rushing leader in Williams, who got the scoring started in the second half with a 37-yard gallop to stretch the Longhorns' lead to 21-3 just 2:26 into the second half. A Kris Stockton field goal would extend the UT lead to 24-3 six minutes later.

The Bulldog offense, led by James Johnson's 112 yards on the ground, still struggled to find its niche against a stubborn Texas defense. An injury to star all-purpose receiver Kevin Prentiss in the opening half made their task even more difficult. Unable to keep the weary MSU defense off the field, the Bulldogs were victimized by another Williams' scoring run at the 2:42 mark of the third period as Texas grabbed control of the

contest with a 31-3 advantage.

Applewhite would add his third scoring toss with 14 seconds left in the third, finding Kwame Cavil from 18 yards out.

Though State's defense had struggled most of the day, MSU would shut out the Longhorns in the final period.

State's lone highlight of the afternoon came with 10:07 left in the game when junior Matt Wyatt found senior receiver Lahitia Grant alone in the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown. MSU converted the two-point conversion to close out the scoring.



James Johnson gained 112 yards rushing against the Texas defense in the '99 Cotton Bowl.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

1999 PEACH



PIG PRATHER

Behind the impetus that had been the key all season — defense — Mississippi State downed Clemson 17-7 in the 1999 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

The win gave State its 10th victory of the season, grouping the '99 Bulldogs with MSU's '40 edition which also posted 10 victories.

MSU notched the win despite allowing the most yardage it had all season (391), with 301 of that coming from quarterback Brandon Streeter who passed 50 times in the game.

Defense was the norm in the first half for both squads as the teams played to a scoreless tie at halftime. The closest either team got to a score in the first half was when Clemson advanced to State's 9-yard line late in the first quarter. But Tiger Tony Lazzara's field goal attempt was blocked by Bulldog senior Robert Bean, who registered his seventh career blocked kick.

State wasted little time breaking the scoring ice in the second half. After Pig Prather returned the opening kickoff after intermission 45 yards to the MSU 47-yard line, the Bulldogs drove 31 yards on seven plays to set up a 39-yard field goal from Scott Westerfield at the 12:39 mark.

Three possessions later, Clemson threatened to answer, driving to the State 13 where it faced a fourth-and-7. The Tigers elected to go for it, but the MSU defense held firm, with defensive lineman John Hilliard batting down a Streeter pass.

The quarter would end with State leading 3-0. The fourth quarter would be quite a different story in terms of point production, as the teams combined for three touchdowns in the final frame.

State extended its lead to 10-0 on the first full drive of the final period, going 43 yards on 10 plays with quarterback Wayne Madkin scrambling for a 2-yard score. The drive was set up at Clemson's 43-yard line on an interception by Bulldog Eugene Clinton, one of five State pickoffs in the contest.

Clemson would answer on the ensuing possession with its only score of the night. The Tigers drove 70 yards on eight plays with Streeter diving in from a yard out.

But State was not intimidated. The Bulldogs answered that challenge with a solid eight-play, 57-yard charge of their own. Madkin, the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player, found tailback Dontae Walker on the left side and Walker jaunted 15 yards for the touchdown which iced the game for MSU at 17-7 with 4:31 remaining in regulation.



Wayne Madkin scored one touchdown and was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

2000 INDEPENDENCE



MISSISSIPPI ST.  TEXAS A&M



Julius Griffith scored the all-important two-point conversion in the Bulldogs' win over Texas A&M.

Willie Blade blocked an extra point, Julius Griffith ran it to the end zone for a two-point conversion, and Wayne Madkin scored from 6 yards out — all in overtime — to give Mississippi State a hard-fought, 43-41 decision over Texas A&M in the snow-filled Sanford Independence Bowl.

The Aggies took advantage of a couple of early MSU miscues on the snow-covered field to take a 14-0 edge seven minutes into the game. After scoring following a mis-handled MSU snap just over two minutes into the contest, A&M continued to control momentum on fullback Ja'Mar Toombs' 4-yard plunge. Toombs would have a game-high 193 yards.

Jackie Sherrill's Bulldogs fought back in the second quarter. With Toombs running through the State defense, Dontae Walker returned the favor to the Aggie stoppers, tallying 143 yards of his own. The sophomore took a handoff up the middle and scurried for 40 of those yards over the snow-covered goal line to cut the lead to 14-7.

With just over a minute until halftime, State got possession back and scored behind Wayne Madkin. After the junior quarterback rushed for 10 yards, he connected on two pass plays, the second a 4-yard score to Dicenso Miller to tie the game at 14.

A&M bounced back with 31 seconds left in the half to take a 20-14 lead into the locker room. Quarterback Mark Farris lofted a ball high and deep into the heavy falling snow, finding Robert Ferguson on a 42-yard score. Blade claimed his first of two extra-point blocks to send State into the locker room trailing by only six.

State took advantage of an A&M turnover in the opening minutes of the third period to take their first lead of the game. Mario Haggan recovered an Aggie fumble and MSU capitalized when Walker plunged in from a yard to give State its first lead at 21-20.

The Aggies tried to put the game out of reach with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. On the opening play of the period, Farris once again went deep, this time connecting with Bethel Johnson on a 35-yard strike. A two-point conversion put the Aggies up 28-21. Toombs extended the lead on the following possession, rushing in from 13 yards to give A&M a 35-21 edge.

Walker cut the lead back to seven as he rushed in from 32 yards out, and, after a Marco Minor interception put MSU at the Aggie 4-yard line, Madkin found tight end Donald Lee in the end zone for the touchdown that sent the game into overtime, tied 35-35.

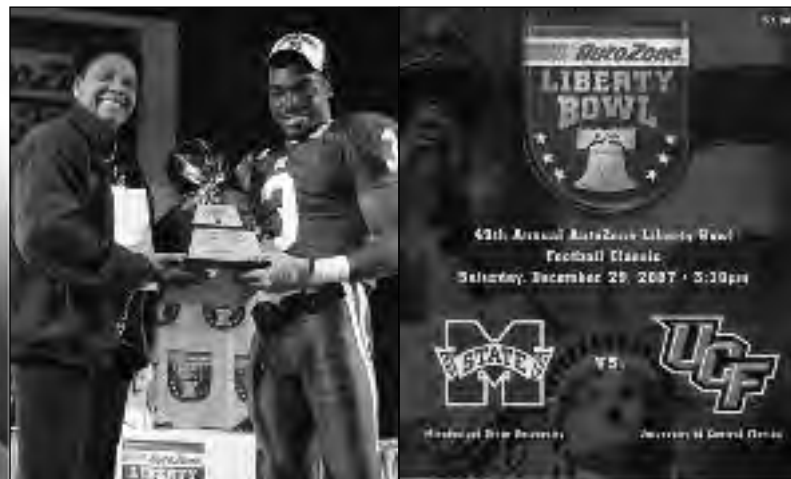
In the extra session, Toombs rushed in from 25 yards out on the first play to put A&M up 41-35. Blade reached up and blocked the Aggie extra point try. Eugene Clinton picked up the loose ball and pitched to Griffith who ran it in for two points.

Faced with a must-score situation on State's first overtime try, Madkin rushed down to the Aggies' 6-yard line and then took a keeper into the end zone to clinch the 43-41 win in what has become known as "Snow Bowl 2000".



Junior safety Derek Pegues had four tackles, including one for loss, and intercepted two passes, returning those picks 45 yards in State's win over Central Florida in the 49th annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl. For his work, Pegues was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

2007 LIBERTY



Mississippi State cashed in on UCF's fourth turnover of the game, marching to the lone touchdown of the day late in the fourth quarter, to defeat the Knights 10-3 in the 49th renewal of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, a game that was otherwise very defensive in nature.

With the win, MSU ended the 2007 season at 8-5, its most wins since 2000, and improved to 2-0 all-time over UCF which ended the year 10-4 after winning its last seven games and claiming the Conference USA crown. The Bulldogs also improved to 7-6 all-time in bowl games with the victory and has now been victorious in its last three bowl appearances.

The late score, a 1-yard plunge by running back Anthony Dixon, came with just 1:54 remaining in the game. It capped a 10-play, 59-yard drive that was set up by Bulldog Keith Fitzhugh's interception of Knight quarterback Kyle Israel, his third throwing miscue of the contest. Dixon would end the contest with 86 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

But until that point in the game, neither team had generated much offense in a game very much controlled by the defenses. Only two second quarter field goals - one by each team - graced the scoreboard in the first three quarters and the teams would combine for just 418 yards of total offense in the affair.

After a scoreless first quarter started the lowest scoring first half in Liberty Bowl history, UCF finally broke scoring ice after gaining excellent field position at the Bulldog 46 early in the second period. The Knights then moved the ball 18 yards to set up a Michael Torres 45-yard field goal that just cleared the crossbar. UCF led 3-0 with 11:49 to go before the intermission.

After the Knights forced a State punt on the next drive, the Bulldogs got their first break of the afternoon. MSU's Derek Pegues, named the game's Most Valuable Player, picked off the first of two passes at the Knight 46 and returned it 40 yards to the 6-yard line. UCF stood strong, however, and held MSU to a 22-yard Adam Carlson field goal, tying the game at the 6:02 mark.

State's defense held Central Florida's star running back, Kevin Smith, somewhat in check. The nation's leading rusher tallied 119 yards on the ground, coming up just 62 yards shy of breaking Barry Sanders' NCAA single-season record, and more than 50 yards short of his seasonal average.

The game's attendance of 63,816 established a new Liberty Bowl record. The previous record of 61,497 was set in 1991 when the Bulldogs played Air Force.



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Dr. Mark Everett Keenum

became Mississippi State's 19th president Jan. 5, 2009, following a distinguished public service career.

After completing his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics at Mississippi State, Dr. Keenum joined the university faculty in 1984 as a



marketing specialist with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. Two years later, he accepted a position as a research associate with the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at MSU.

He continued his education at the university, in 1988 receiving a

doctorate in agricultural economics, and he joined the faculty of that department as an assistant professor/economist. During his professional tenure at Mississippi State, his primary research and extension work focused on the marketing and economics of aquaculture, specialty crops and forestry. He continued his faculty ties at the university 1997-2006 as an adjunct professor, teaching an annual course on agricultural legislative policy.

Prior to being named president of Mississippi State in November 2008, Dr. Keenum served as Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for two years, where he provided leadership and oversight for the Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency and the Foreign Agricultural Service. The mission area, comprised of the three agencies, had a total operating budget of \$1.7 billion and approximately \$40 billion in program authority. The three agencies employed more than 16,500 people at more than 2,300 offices nationwide and 98 locations around the globe.

In 1989, Dr. Keenum joined the Washington, D.C., staff of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran as Legislative Assistant for Agriculture and Natural Resources. As Sen. Cochran's adviser on agricultural affairs, he

worked on numerous issues important to U.S. agriculture, including the 1990, 1996, and 2002 Farm Bills. From 1996-2006, he served as Chief of Staff for Sen. Cochran. In this role, Dr. Keenum was the chief adviser to the senator on political, legislative and appropriations issues. He also was responsible for managing all administrative and legislative functions of Sen. Cochran's Washington, D.C., office and three Mississippi offices, including direct oversight of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Dr. Keenum and his wife Rhonda have four children.



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Scott Stricklin

A lifelong dream was fulfilled on May 7, 2010, when Scott Stricklin was formally introduced as Mississippi State's director of athletics, the 16th in school history.

As Stricklin begins to enthusiastically tackle his new job of leading the MSU athletic department, he certainly isn't a stranger to the Bulldog family or college athletics. A 1992 graduate of Mississippi State, the Jackson, Miss., native's resume is highlighted by 22 years of experience on the collegiate level in various capacities at five different universities. The last two years, he's faithfully served as Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs at his alma mater, overseeing fundraising, football and men's basketball scheduling, managing MSU's all-sport agreement with Adidas, facility planning, and serving as the administrative sport liaison for men's basketball and softball.

It was those types of day-to-day tasks that prepared the personable Stricklin to take over the top seat in the Mississippi State athletic department.

Yet it's a journey that started during his formidable days as a dedicated and tireless worker in the media relations department that's led to his highly-respected career coming full circle.

Prior to graduating, Stricklin's stint in the MSU media relations office included three seasons (1990-92) as the media contact for the highly successful and nationally-renown baseball program. Upon graduation, he was named assistant media relations director at his alma mater.

He continued his climb up the ladder of success when he was named associate media relations director at Auburn, where from 1993-98 he served as the primary baseball contact and the secondary football contact. He also spent the 1993-94 season handling the publicity for the Tigers' nationally-ranked women's basketball team.

In 1998, Stricklin left Auburn to become Assistant Athletics Director at Tulane, where he served as the primary media contact for the Green Wave's 1998 12-0 football team.

Next came a four-year run in the Big 12 Conference at Baylor (1999-2003) as Assistant AD for Communications and Marketing.

In 2003, Stricklin returned to the Southeastern Conference at Kentucky and spent five seasons as the Associate AD for Media Relations, where he oversaw the day-to-day publicity of the tradition-rich Wildcat basketball program. It was his last stop before returning to Mississippi State in the spring of 2008.

Stricklin, 40, is married to the former Anne Howell, the youngest daughter of Basketball Hall of Fame member Bailey Howell. The couple has two daughters, Abby and Sophie.



FRESHMAN ALL-SEC

A football player in a maroon jersey with the number 25, wearing a helmet with "STATE" on it, is shown in a dynamic pose as if running or blocking.

Corey BROOMFIELD
Sophomore Defensive Back

A football player in a maroon jersey with the number 13, wearing a helmet with "DAWGS" on it, is shown in a dynamic pose as if running with the ball.

Chad BUMPHIS
Sophomore Wide Receiver

A football player in a maroon jersey with the number 94, wearing a helmet with "STATE" on it, is shown in a dynamic pose as if blocking.

Fletcher COX
Sophomore Defensive Lineman

A football player in a maroon jersey with the number 13, wearing a helmet with "DAWGS" on it, is shown in a dynamic pose as if running with the ball.

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